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There is £4,000 to be won in today's Times Portfolio competition - double the usual daily prize because no one won yesterday. On Saturday, at least £42,000 can be won - £40,000 in the weekly competition (not won last week) and £2,000 in the daily Portfolio list, page 19, how to play, information service, back page.

Boy, 3, in heart-lung transplant

Jamie Gavin, aged 3, of Dublin, became the world's youngest heart-lung transplant patient at Harfield Hospital, west London. The donor was Tina Bran, aged 3, who died after falling 50ft from a Southampton flat.

Factory output at 5-year high

Factory output rose by 1.2 per cent in June, to its highest level since March 1980. This was before the sharp recovery of the pound, which yesterday rose again.

Wine victims

The anti-freeze wine scandal claimed its first political victims in West Germany with the resignation of three top civil servants.

Newham verdict

Four young Asians convicted of a riot after a racial battle in Newham last year, were sentenced to 100 hours of community service.

Reagan strategy

White House staff are planning a strategy to reassure Americans that President Reagan is in full control.

Lodgings pledge

The Prime Minister is determined to pursue action against "exploitation and abuse" of board and lodging payments in spite of the High Court ruling against the original clamp down.

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Skulls scattered near the roads of Luwero provide evidence of a policy of genocide in Uganda amid mounting anger over Britain's support for Obote.

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British Aerospace is believed to have clinched a deal worth more than £200 million to sell the air defence Tornado to Oman.

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Hardline BR threatens dismissal for 270 guards

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Further disruption of rail services appeared likely last night after British Rail threatened to dismiss 270 striking guards if they do not agree to return to normal working by Friday lunchtime. The ultimatum, which marks a hardening of the management's attitude in its long-running productivity dispute with the union, will arrive at the homes of the guards this morning in the form of a letter from area managers in Scotland and South Wales. British Rail executives accepted last night that the threatened dismissals were likely to provoke further walkouts and more disruption to services that are already being affected in many parts of the country by action by members of the National Union of Railwaymen.

The only one of British Rail's six regions so far not affected by the dispute, over the introduction of one-man-operated trains, the Southern Region, is likely to be drawn into the dispute within the next week. Local managers are expected to try to run trains without guards from the Southampton Freightliner terminal and NUR members at depots in Aldershot and Basingstoke are expected to take protest action.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, NUR general secretary, said last night after hearing of British Rail's move: "This is management by intimidation. All aggressive action by British Rail brings the chance of a national strike nearer. I don't believe there is any way the rest of our members round the country will abandon any of our people who find themselves in that position."

Speaking at a press conference in Newcastle upon Tyne, Mr Knapp described British Rail's move as an attempt "to confuse and stampede us". Despite Mr Knapp's comments, it is understood that the NUR leadership is reluctant to become involved in a national strike and would prefer instead to organize a prolonged campaign of "guerrilla" industrial action if it wins support for the action in a ballot of the 10,000 guards which is to be held on August 29.

Mr John Palette, British Rail's managing director of personnel, said the management felt it had no alternative but to consider dismissing the guards who have been on strike for several weeks. Most of those threatened are based in Glasgow where almost 190 have been on strike since August 2 leading to severe disruption of suburban services in and around the city. Their action also, for the first time yesterday, led to the cancellation of some Inter-City services between London and Scotland.

The rest of the guards are based at the Margam depot which services the Port Talbot and Llanwern steelworks in South Wales and at Llanelli where 32 guards, walked out in sympathy with those on strike at Margam.

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520 died but Keiko, aged 12, survived



Keiko Kawakami, aged 12, a survivor of the crash, lies on a stretcher after being rescued.

Recovered tail seen as vital clue

By Our Foreign Staff

As four survivors were found of the 524 passengers on the Japan Airlines Boeing 747 that crashed on Monday, it was becoming apparent yesterday that a section of tail fin picked up in the sea 90 miles from the crash site could be a vital clue to the cause of the disaster.

It was found in Sagami Bay and was last night being taken by boat to Yokohama for inspection. First indications were that it was one of the aircraft's rudders. After a disclosure yesterday that the aircraft suffered a "bounce" in landing seven years ago at Osaka, and its scrapped rear fuselage repaired by Boeing in Japan, there was speculation that the tail might have been weakened.

A Japan Airlines spokesman in London discounted this. All the damage had been aft of the aircraft's rear doors, so far thought to be the crash cause, and it was inspected and found satisfactory after repairs. "There is no reason to believe that the 1978 accident is behind Monday's crash", he said.

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search and rescue teams when they reached the crash site about 6,000 ft up on Mount Osakada and Mount Ogura. They had all been sitting on the 54th row of the 60-row aircraft.

They were identified as Mrs Hiroko Yoshizaki, aged 35, and her daughter, Minako, aged 8. The others were Yoko Kamauchi, aged 12, who reportedly was found hanging in the branches of a tree but escaped with minor injuries, and Yumi Ochiai, aged 26, an off-duty JAL stewardess, all were in hospital and said to be in a stable condition.

The rescue parties which were airlifted to the crash site, were said to have recovered 52 bodies before darkness stopped the search. They were not optimistic of finding more survivors. Clothing and shoes, and personal articles scattered among the debris of the wreckage. Some of the bodies were imbedded deep into the dirt. Fires raged for much of the night in some places and had obliterated matter.

The first sign of the aircraft disaster yesterday, was a mangled metal cone lying in a dry creek bed about 1,500ft from the summit of Mount

Osakada. It measured about a yard in length and probably came from the rear part of one of the Boeing 747's four engines.

Then small pieces of metal alloy could be seen, followed by an oily gearbox with sharp scars, then honeycomb liners from the inside of wing parts.

Near the summit of the steep, densely forested mountain, the search team found a bed-sized section of the rudder amid blown-off tree tops, with part of a painted crane emblem showing the plane's identity.

The main part of the debris formed a huge "L" on the top and side of the mountain. Searchers have been unable so far to find the flight voice recorder.

In Tokyo, JAL said it had no clues to the cause of the crash. A spokesman said there was no indication from the pilots of an explosion but security had now been tightened.

Two callers identifying themselves as "radicals" had telephoned, claiming to have blown up the plane. The authorities were investigating but considered the calls hoaxes.

The rear door which was the subject of the pilot's last calls had not been opened during the plane's stop in Tokyo, JAL said. "We know that the door was not touched yesterday (the day of the crash), and we are checking if the door was touched the day before," the spokesman said.

JAL officials said about 1,000 relatives of the passengers on the Osaka-bound aircraft had waited at Fushimi for news from the crash site, but about 80 returned to Tokyo last night because of a lack of accommodation.

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Pretoria dampens hope of reforms

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

Expectations that President Botha of South Africa will announce important political reforms affecting blacks tomorrow fell yesterday. One of his most senior ministers, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said in a speech in Pretoria that the Government envisaged reform "only within the framework of South Africa's diversity of peoples".

The remarks by Dr Viljoen, Minister of Co-operation, development and Education, appeared to be timed specifically to counter the conjecture and expectation that he had developed in anticipation of Mr Botha's speech to the Natal congress of the National Party tomorrow night.

He declared categorically that reforms would be made only so far as they maintained the principles of "own" residential areas, "own" schools, "own" education departments and "own" political representation.

His reassertion of basic apartheid comes on the eve of a crucial Cabinet meeting today at which Mr Botha will seek agreement for long-term measures to quell black unrest and cool international pressure for speedy reform.

There was a growing feeling in diplomatic circles yesterday that Mr Botha's speech in Durban will fall far short of expectations. There has been a tendency during the past few days to widespread euphoria that overlooks the political reality that after the Durban congress Mr Botha still has to put his proposals to the Orange Free State, Cape and Transvaal National parties.

Mr Stephen Solz, an American congressman and a leading campaigner for disinvestment, said after meeting Mr Botha on Monday that he remained profoundly pessimistic about the prospects for peaceful change in South Africa.

He said the conversation with Mr Botha had made "a cold shower warm by comparison" and he forecast that anti-apartheid legislation passed by the House of Representatives will be approved by the Senate next month. He was particularly unhappy at Mr Botha's assertion that the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, was comparable to the continual imprisonment of Rudolf Hess.

● Rand falls: The rand ran into heavy selling pressure again yesterday, dropping 2½ cents against the dollar, or more than 5 per cent of its value. (David Smith writes)

From a previous close of 48.10 US cents, the rand plunged to 45 cents before steadying to 45.6 cents at the close. Dealers expressed surprise at the suddenness of the fall which was attributed to uncertainties over the expected political reforms.

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Unions plan 'day of action'

GCHQ threat to sack staff

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

A countrywide "day of action" by the TUC and Civil Service unions was in prospect last night after it became clear that nine Civil Servants at the Government Communications Headquarters in Cheltenham could face dismissal because of their continued union membership.

The TUC is to hold an emergency meeting on Monday with the 'Council of Civil Service Unions' (CCSU) to plan a campaign against the decision to proceed with disciplinary action against those employees who initially signed a declaration that they would leave their union, but changed their minds after a High Court decision that the ban on unions was invalid. The House of Lords subsequently found that the ban was valid.

Mr Peter Marjchurich, the director, was now considering what form of disciplinary action to take, but the first step would be to request the nine to resign from their union.

The decision to go ahead with disciplinary action was disclosed in a letter from Sir Robert to the CCSU on Monday, making it clear that all employees in the affected category "must now either resign from the union or face disciplinary action for breach of conditions of service."

The CCSU said yesterday that the Government had "set themselves on a collision course with the whole trade union movement". It complained that the letter conflicted with assurances given at a meeting on May 9, that no action would be taken without a further meeting.

The CCSU is to meet Mr Timothy Renton, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Thursday, but is likely to demand a meeting with Cabinet Ministers to press their case against the use of disciplinary action.

Mr Peter Jones, secretary general of the CCSU, said last night that the decision showed contempt for the European Commission of Human Rights, which was considering the issue.

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Royal stamps issue fails to pass muster

By Michael Horsnell

Thousands of stamps celebrating the eighty-fifth birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother have been issued by Tanzania.

Unhappily they refer to her as "HRH" and not HM; the colours vary and the perforations do not penetrate the paper they are printed on.

The British Crown Agents have recommended their destruction and the Tanzanian director of posts has agreed to postpone their issue indefinitely.

The stamps, which are nevertheless being offered by some London dealers, have a face value of £20 for each set of four plus two pairs on a souvenir sheet.

As a Commonwealth country Tanzania has had little choice but to obey the Crown Agents, who acted through their subsidiary, Crown Agent Stamp,



One of the stamps recommended for destruction

Co., official sales agents for them to the philatelic trade. It is believed that the issue was organized for the Tanzanians by Mr Clive Feigenbaum, who declined to comment last

night from his office at the firm of London and New York Stamp Co. which he runs in Harrow, West London.

Mr Feigenbaum resigned last year as chairman of the

Stanley Gibbons philatelic group.

In 1970 the Philatelic Traders' Society expelled him for selling "labels resembling stamps" without indicating that they were not genuine postage stamps.

The Tanzania issue is the second this month to displease Clarence House, which was not consulted on the earlier Feigenbaum enterprise. Mr Feigenbaum was behind a scheme run by "The Library of Heirloom Investments Ltd" which advertised a series of "22-carat gold-embossed stamps" depicting events in the Queen Mother's life.

The stamps have a face-value of £10 each and are described as an official issue of the Bernese Islands in the Outer Hebrides. Besides "floating royal protocol" they have been condemned as almost worthless by the stamp trade.

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Electricians to defy TUC and seek cash for levy vote

By David Felton Labour Correspondent

The 360,000-strong electricians' union is likely to incur the wrath of a large part of the Labour movement by its decision to ask the Government to finance its political fund ballot, which yesterday produced a five-to-one vote to retain the political levy.

Leaders of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union have decided to seek refund of the £120,000 they claim it cost to organize the ballot, a move which is in direct contravention of TUC policy.

The union, which yesterday became the tenth to secure a large vote in favour of continuing its political fund, is already at odds with the Labour movement after its application to the Government for a refund of about £1 million it has spent on ballots for elections of officials.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU, also hinted that the union might before finally deciding whether to accept the government funds. The Certification Officer for Trade Unions is processing the union's application.

He said that the union leadership felt an obligation to seek government money to pay for its political fund ballot as it had been forced to hold the vote by government legislation. The TUC's policy, which may be modified at annual Congress next month, is not to accept government funds for secret ballots.

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the country's second largest, is involved in the early stages of disciplinary proceedings brought against it by the TUC for accepting £1.2 million of government funds for ballots it has held in the past. The TUC general council will be asked later this month to find that union has a case to answer for flouting TUC policy and working against the interests of the union movement.

The electricians' application for state funds is unlikely to be completed for several weeks, which will probably take it beyond the Congress next month. The union's decision to seek the money was taken by the executive and any move toward holding a ballot on the issue would be a modification of the union's position and a recognition of the controversy it is creating in the labour movement.

Mr Hammond said after yesterday's ballot announcement that in addition to the £120,000 cost of holding the individual secret postal vote, he estimated the union had spent a further £35,000 on campaigning for a "yes" vote.

The turnout in the ballot was 45 per cent, the highest yet recorded by the union and of the 167,743 ballot papers counted, 140,913 or 84 per cent, were in favour of retaining a political fund, while 26,830 votes (16 per cent) were recorded against.

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Tory MPs to lobby ministers on steel plant

Scottish Tory MPs yesterday agreed to lobby Mrs Margaret Thatcher in support of the campaign to save the Gartcosh steel plant.

But the British Steel Corporation chairman, Sir Robert Haslam, rejected a plea from the Scottish TUC to retain the finishing mill and its 700 jobs.

The corporation said last week that the Lanarkshire mill would close on March 31 next year, which would ensure that steel-making at the Ravenscraig plant near-by could continue for at least three years. But it rejected calls for investment in new coke ovens for Ravenscraig, raising fears for its long-term future.

The display of public unity by the Tory backbenchers with other Scottish groups in calling for the retention of Gartcosh emerged at a meeting in Glasgow of a committee set up to campaign on the issue.

Mr Michael Hirst, Conservative MP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden and a member of the committee, said all but one of Scotland's 14 Tory backbenchers were committed to an integrated steel industry in Scotland.

He said that the Government "at the end of the day" would either have to endorse or veto the corporation's plan. "We shall be doing everything possible to influence ministers north and south of the border that the closure of Gartcosh is totally unacceptable."

"We have to fight for Gartcosh because without it the future for Ravenscraig is pretty bleak."

He was speaking after a meeting of the crisis committee which has been organized by Strathkelvin Regional Council and which includes representatives of shop stewards, the Scottish CBI, Scottish TUC, MPs and councillors.



Oleg Glavatski holds Neville Campbell, aged 11, at the Moscow State Circus, Bristol.

Noraid to oppose extradition

By Tim Jones

The visit of Noraid to Northern Ireland, which has been accompanied by a period of intense terrorist activity by the Provisional IRA, ended yesterday when the 116 delegates prepared to return to the United States, where they will campaign against a new extradition treaty with Britain.

At least four prominent IRA men, now living in the United States, and who are wanted on murder and terrorism charges, have been able to resist extradition by claiming their crimes were political.

The position has caused particular embarrassment to the Reagan Administration as it contrasts sharply with the President's frequent utterances for terrorism to be defeated.

But Mr Richard Lawlor, the Noraid spokesman, claimed before leaving for Dublin, that there was growing support among influential Irish Americans to have ratification of the new treaty rejected by Congress. It has already been resisted by the Irish National Caucus and leading opponents of the new legislation include prominent Congressmen such as Mr Mario Biaggi of New York.

Mr Lawlor, a Connecticut lawyer, denied that Noraid, identified by the FBI as a fund-raising front for the IRA, was a "provisional" and "said any money gathered was to help the families of 'republican prisoners of war'."

But he added: "What would be wrong for the sake of the argument, with Americans sending money for guns when the British taxpayers are equipping a murder machine in Ulster?"

Banned IRA film in pirate showings

The Irish Freedom Movement is tonight planning to stage the first of a number of public screenings of the banned BBC documentary on terrorism in Northern Ireland.

The group has obtained what it admits to be a "pirate" video recording of the controversial programme which will be shown tonight in public houses in Birmingham and Coventry.

The Real Lives documentary, *At The Edge of the Union*, included interviews with Mr Martin McGuinness, the alleged former chief of staff of the IRA.

It was due to be shown on Wednesday last week, but was withdrawn by the BBC's board of governors after intervention from the Home Office. The move led to a one-day strike by journalists from the BBC, ITN and some regional television stations.

Carol Taggart, national secretary of the Irish Freedom Movement, said the recording of the show would be shown at selected venues throughout Britain this week and next week.

"It is a very important documentary and there must be something in the show that the BBC do not want people to see."

"It contradicts the image of the republicans that the media gives to people in this country."

Mr McGuinness comes across as a responsible politician," she said.

Tomorrow the recording is being shown in Sheffield, Liverpool and Bradford, and on Friday it moves to Leeds.

On Saturday the group plans to screen it at St Matthew's Meeting Place, a community arts centre in Brixton, south-west London. Next week it will be shown in public halls in Manchester, Glasgow, Brighton, east and north London and Wakefield.

A spokesman for the BBC said: "It has been shown in various venues round the country and we are surprised since we have the full copyright." The spokesman would not comment on the prospect of legal action over the copyright breach.

Meanwhile, broadcasting journalists have set up their own censorship-monitoring scheme after complaints that a more difficult atmosphere now exists for reporting on Northern Ireland and other sensitive issues.

Members of the National Union of Journalists will be encouraged to report in confidence details of any undue pressure, whether internal or external, to prevent legitimate journalistic work.

Seven freed

Detectives in Stoke-on-Trent yesterday released seven young men after questioning them for 48 hours in connection with the killing of Mrs Jean Gledhill, a miner's wife who died in an arson attack on her home in Park Lane Estate, Biddulph, last month.

Channel record

Mr Peter ("Eric") Johnson, aged 26, a Texan geologist, swam from France to England in eight hours 20 minutes yesterday, breaking the record for swimming from France to England by 14 minutes. Lyndon Dunshee, a Dover teenager, set the previous record last year.

Pop star's yacht is towed into Falmouth

By Michael Horsnell

A salvage team brought the stricken yacht *Drum* England, owned by Simon Le Bon, the pop star, into Falmouth last night, having won its race against a threatened Force 8 gale.

The £1 million craft which capsized on Sunday during the Fastnet Race, was towed at less than one knot an hour, losing part of her mast during the salvage operation.

Last night, Le Bon, aged 26, said that he hoped the boat could be righted inshore before being lifted on to dry land by crane, probably tomorrow. Only then will he and his advisers try to establish why the yacht's keel snapped off.

Earlier, Le Bon and directors of A. H. Moody and Son, the boatbuilders who finished and fitted out the yacht, went out to the *Drum* to inspect the damage.

Le Bon, lead singer of the group, Duran Duran, confirmed that *Drum* England was not insured for the race and said he had not yet considered a compensation claim, should any design or construction fault be proved.

Mr John Irving, a senior project manager during the yacht's construction, told *The Times* that *Drum* England was in 140ft of water when the accident happened and that she had not hit rocks.

"Until the boat is craned out it is impossible for anybody to say what the cause was. The boat has not been involved in any previous accident and there has been no previous damage," he said.

In another development yesterday, the Royal Navy helicopter team which rescued Le Bon and 23 others from the yacht disclosed that they had been upset by Le Bon's subsequent behaviour.

They claimed that he backed out of a press conference at Falmouth on Monday, arranged by staff at RNAS Culdroe, and declined to meet Petty Officer Aircrewman Larry Slater, who saved his life.

He then hired a boat to inspect the upturned hull of the *Drum* England, and at 3pm flung down a Wessex returning from another rescue and was given a lift, after claiming he had an urgent press conference to attend.

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Thatcher promises action on lodgings cash

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister promised yesterday that firm action would be taken to stamp out "exploitation and abuse" of board and lodging payments to young people on supplementary benefit.

At the end of last month, a High Court judge ruled that a clampdown introduced last May by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, was illegal.

Mr Fowler had decided to limit the amount of time supplementary benefit claimants could stay within designated areas to two weeks in seaside accommodation and eight weeks in industrial areas.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in a letter yesterday to Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, that the ruling had "turned on a technical point of legal interpretation" and Mr Fowler was considering whether to appeal or make fresh regulations.

She said: "We cannot ignore what has become a rapidly growing problem, affecting many parts of the country. The numbers of unemployed young people in board and lodging have been growing rapidly."

Virgin Atlantic insists Blue Riband bid valid

Organizers of the Virgin Atlantic Challenger's attempt to break the 33-year-old non-stop Atlantic boat crossing record yesterday angrily rejected that the trophy might be returned to Britain and the Blue Riband tradition revived.

Mr Tim Powell, the Challenger's London co-ordinator, dismissed claims by the curator of the American Merchant Maritime Museum that the 65-ft catamaran was not eligible for the historic Blue Riband trophy.

The trophy, kept at the museum, is held by the owners of the SS United States, which set the record crossing of three days, 10 hours, and 40 minutes, in 1952.

The trophy was donated by Mr Harold Hales, a British MP, and covered by a trust deed drawn up in 1935. Mr Frank Braynard, curator of the museum in New York, claims that it was designed to be awarded only to "ships" or "liners", and not to powerboats such as the Challenger.

Yesterday, Mr Powell dismissed Mr Braynard's claim, saying that the original French, Canadian and Italian trustees

had all died during the Second World War and the deed had legally lapsed. "I have spoken to relatives of Mr Hales and they are all delighted at the prospect that the trophy might be returned to Britain and the Blue Riband tradition revived. We are currently in the process of having deeds redrawn, and lawyers on both sides of the Atlantic are looking at it."

"I see no reason why the keeper of some museum should insist on holding on to this trophy for ever and a day. We are confident that, assuming Challenger breaks the record, the Hales trophy will return."

The Challenger is indeed on course to break the record. She reached her second refuelling point at the Esso Sedco 700 oil rig at 5.30pm yesterday, averaging nearly 43 knots over the first 1,300 miles of a 2,949 nautical mile voyage.

Heineken Thirst Aid, a 20ft inflatable boat, yesterday claimed the record for the fastest ferry crossing of the Channel, with a time of 47 minutes 28 seconds.

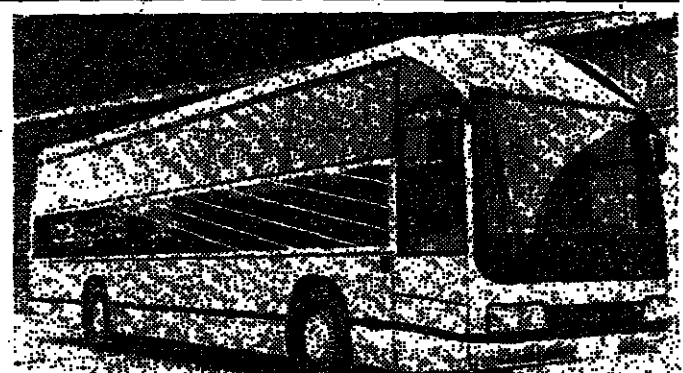
£65,000 coach built for safety

By Clifford Webb

Hestair Duple, of Blackpool, one of Britain's oldest coach-building companies, has started production of a new type of coach, said to be much safer and more economical to run than continental rivals which are threatening to take over the British coach market.

The company has already taken orders for 15 of the Integral 425 luxurious coach at £65,000 each. Its triangulated space frame construction is the result of three years of roll-over testing. Front, rear and side areas are reinforced by steel panels to reduce the danger of injury in the passenger section in an accident.

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The Integral 425 coach safety challenge.

Individual bucket seats based on aircraft practice have been tested to meet a 10g deceleration load which Duple claims compares with 10g for other British manufacturers and three g for many foreign makes.

Inadequately-anchored seats which break loose on impact have long been identified as a

main cause of injuries and death in coach crashes.

The new seats are 47mm wider than traditional coach seats but their unusual design enables 10 per cent more to be installed. That gives 63 fixed seats or 59 recliners, and is believed to be the highest seating capacity of any single-deck coach.

Liverpool, a city in disarray: 3

Dole frustration and drug abuse linked

There are varying theories as to the extent that continuing high unemployment can be blamed for the other social ills of Liverpool, but it is undoubtedly a depressing backdrop which underlies many of the city's problems.

Among the young, especially in depressed inner-city areas and on the southern outskirts, the frustration and hopelessness of life on the dole is seen as an important contributory factor in increased drug abuse and crime.

There is a vicious circle in which a bored and aimless youngster is drawn to try heroin to put a "kick" into a seemingly pointless existence, finds he cannot maintain a habit on social security payments and then turns to mugging or robbery to pay for his supplies.

Race relations workers argue that the plight of black youngsters is being made worse by colour prejudice. The Merseyside Community Relations Council says that even the

Behind the problems of drugs, violent crime and tensions between many Liverpudlians - black and white - and the city's police, unemployment continues to rise. In the third and final article in his analysis of Liverpool's troubles, PETER DAVENPORT examines the city's declining employment prospects.

Labour-controlled city council, with a workforce of 32,000, the biggest employer in Liverpool, has only 275 blacks on its payroll, just 0.7 per cent.

In spite of the injection of millions of pounds into Liverpool by the Government since the disturbances of 1981, unemployment has continued to rise inexorably. It now stands at 21 per cent on Merseyside, with almost 139,357 without a job.

Yet even those figures do not reveal the full extent of the problem. Employment agency officials admit that in the most depressed areas, pockets of unemployment among the young reaches 70 per cent and more.

To the casual visitor there can, at first sight, appear to be signs of an upturn in fortunes.

Those anxious to create a new image point out the imaginative refurbishment of the Albert Docks into a £100 million complex of restaurants, shops, bars, offices and expensive apartments, other dockland redevelopment, and the decision of the Tate Gallery to house its northern collection in the city.

But many big employers have pulled out of the city during the past decade and those attracted to Liverpool since have tended to be of the high-tech breed; capital-intensive and highly skilled, but employing relatively small workforces.

Some traditional industries are now only a shadow of their former selves. In 1972 there were almost 11,000 dockers on the waterfront and in that year

'Heavy cost' of CAP criticized by report

By Our Political Correspondent

Government assistance to farmers cost nearly £2,000 million in 1983 to stimulate gross product worth only £5,300 million, according to a critical report on the common agricultural policy from Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, yesterday.

He said in a report to Parliament that farming had achieved important increases in production and productivity, supplies had been assured and real food prices had fallen significantly since 1979, but he added: "The CAP has carried a heavy cost."

"It has resulted in substantial surplus production, the costs of storing and disposing of which have imposed a considerable strain on the European Community budget to which the United Kingdom is a net contributor."

"These costs, together with the high level of guaranteed prices, represent a significant transfer of resources from the consumer and taxpayer to the producer which has served to stimulate the agricultural sector at the expense of other sectors of the European economy."

Sir Gordon reported that Community measures to dispose of surplus produce cost nearly £7,000 million in 1983; 20 per cent higher in real terms than in 1982.

About 67 per cent of the 1983 Community budget was devoted to CAP payments, and because Britain had one of the smallest agricultural sectors it had to make a net budgetary contribution of nearly £600 million.

On Saturday the group plans to screen it at St Matthew's Meeting Place, a community arts centre in Brixton, south-west London. Next week it will be shown in public halls in Manchester, Glasgow, Brighton, east and north London and Wakefield.

A spokesman for the BBC said: "It has been shown in various venues round the country and we are surprised since we have the full copyright."

The spokesman would not comment on the prospect of legal action over the copyright breach.

Meanwhile, broadcasting journalists have set up their own censorship-monitoring scheme after complaints that a more difficult atmosphere now exists for reporting on Northern Ireland and other sensitive issues.

Members of the National Union of Journalists will be encouraged to report in confidence details of any undue pressure, whether internal or external, to prevent legitimate journalistic work.

MacGregor payment fixed at £875,000

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its problems; that it faces further closures, one of the major plants is still under threat; and indeed that it is still making substantial losses."

Mr Gardner said that Mr MacGregor had launched BSS "nearly all the way to viability", with the same team of management and men, in England, Scotland and Wales, working in a different way under his direction.

He said: "A marvellous job was done by all concerned." Asked why Mr MacGregor had not merited the full payment of £1,150,000, why 24 per cent of the cash had been withheld, Mr Gardner said they had taken BSC's losses into account. "It would have been a triple A job to have broken even, something which I feel was impossible anyway", he added.

In 1980, Mr Gardner said, BSC productivity had been 84 tonnes per person. By 1984, it had increased to 244 tonnes. West German productivity over the same period had increased from 218 tonnes to 251 tonnes.

In 1981, BSC had produced 14.1 million tonnes, compared with a world output of 708 million tonnes. By 1983, when BSC output was 13.4 million tonnes, world output had fallen to 664 million tonnes.

Profits before exceptional items	Cash subsidy	Manpower (thousands)	Production (million tonnes)
78-79	£231m	188	17.3
79-80	£257m	188.4	14.1
80-81	£267m	129.9	11.9
81-82	£276m	103.7	14.1
82-83	£268m	83.4	13.4
83-84	£277m	71.1	13.4
84-85	£285m	64.5	13

† Mr MacGregor's chairmanship.

‡ Excluding effects of miner's strike.

Source: Assessment committee.

Creditors face decision on Sinclair future

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

The principal creditors of Sinclair Research, the financially troubled home computer company, are expected to decide by the end of the week whether to extend the computer group's credit or call in their debt which totals more than £15 million.

The electronics company, Thorne EMI, which is owed £7 million, had meetings with Sinclair senior management on Monday to discuss the debt in the wake of the publisher, Mr Robert Maxwell, withdrawing his offer to buy the computer group and inject £12 million into its business.

The meeting is one of many to take place this week between Sinclair management and its creditors who are concerned about extending further credit and want to be convinced that Sir Clive Sinclair, the chairman and founder of the group, can do a deal with another entrepreneur.

Figures compiled by the economic development unit of Merseyside County Council detail the decline in fortunes:

UNEMPLOYMENT	JOBS LOSSES (firms employing more than 50)
1979 - 11.5 per cent	1978 - 9,835
1980 - 14.96 per cent	1979 - 14,856
1981 - 18.16 per cent	1980 - 16,472
1982 - 18.7 per cent	1981 - 20,875
1983 - 18.8 per cent	1982 - 15,994
1984 - 20.8 per cent	1983 - 13,612
July 1985 - 21 per cent	1984 - 6,298

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Boy aged three becomes youngest heart-lung transplant patient

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The world's youngest heart-lung transplant patient, Jamie Gavin, aged three, was in a satisfactory condition in Harefield Hospital, west London, yesterday, after his operation.

The boy was flown from his home in Dublin with his parents on Monday after they were told that donor organs were being made available. The child had been on the hospital's transplant waiting list for some months.

While he was recovering yesterday, Britain's only other centrally funded heart transplant unit, at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, disclosed that at least two patients there had died because of a shortage of trained nurses.

"There have been at least 12 occasions in the past six months when donations for heart and heart-lung transplant patients have had to be refused because of staff shortages," Mr John Edwards, a spokesman, said.

The hospital performs more than 1,300 operations every year, more than half of which are open-heart operations. Attempts to recruit trained nurses for its intensive care unit, operating theatres and

other posts through advertising have failed.

Speaking of the refusals of the organ offers, Mr Edwards said: "To have accepted them would have compromised the normal operating list and this we will not do." The two patients had died before other organs could be found.

The hospital's director of nursing services, Miss Janet Siorer, said: "There is a national shortage of trained staff and it has proved difficult to recruit the nurses needed. The money is there."

If the recruits cannot be found it will not be possible to open a five-bed progressive care area on schedule in October, the hospital said.

A total of 122 patients have received heart transplants, and five heart-lung transplants, since the programme was introduced at Papworth in 1979.

Harefield Hospital said there had been no cases of donor organs being refused because of staff shortages there. But staffing problems at Harefield last August had led to the heart transplant operation on Hollie Roffey, a 10-day-old baby, being performed at the National

Heart Hospital in London, instead.

That operation was performed by Mr Magdi Yacoub, who carried out yesterday's surgery on Jamie Gavin.

Mr Yacoub used a new support machine so that the donor's heart and lungs could be transported to Harefield for the four-hour operation.

Until recently the donor's body had to be moved to the transplant centre because the lungs could be damaged if removed and transported separately.

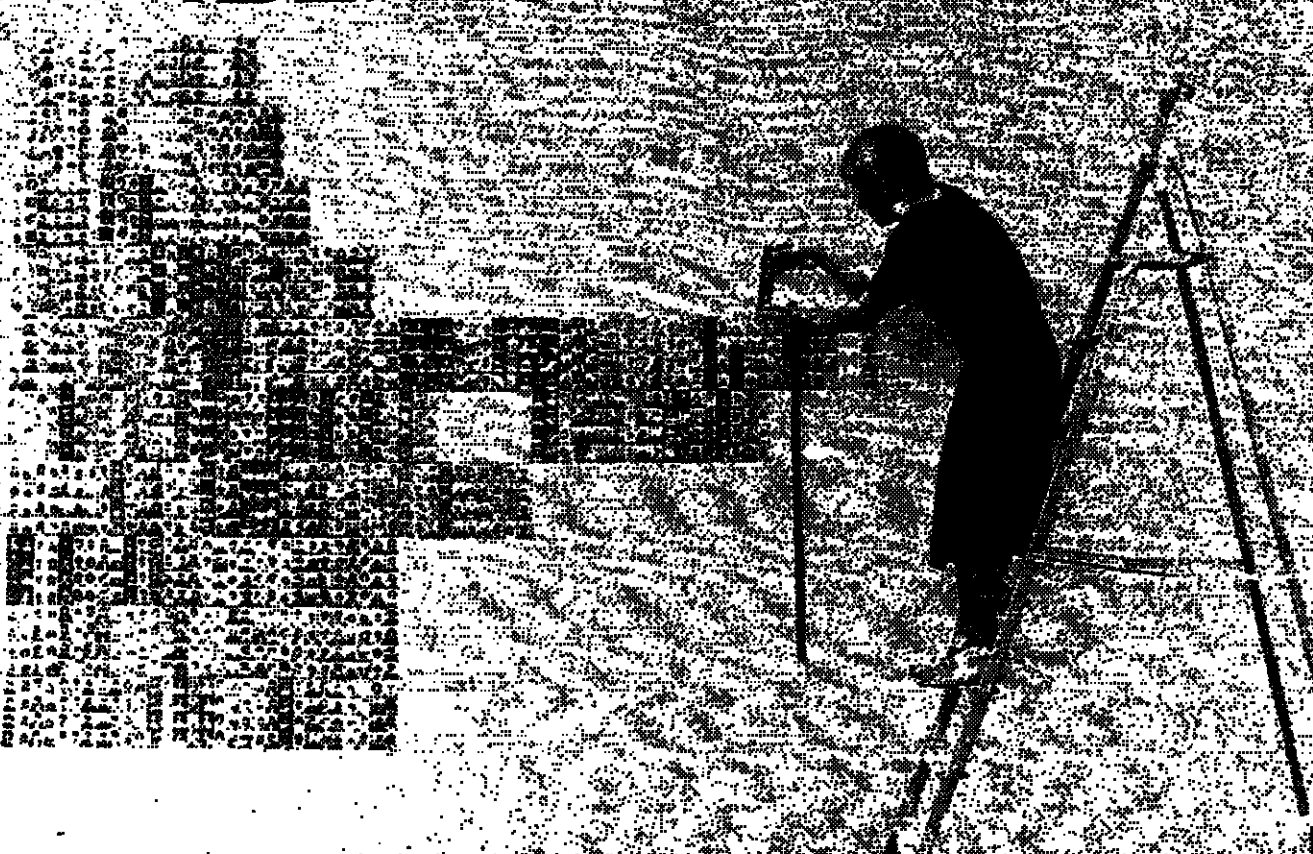
In some cases, moving the donor's body was impractical or was too upsetting to relatives, and potential transplants did not take place.

Jamie Gavin's parents, Mr Tony Gavin, a tanker driver, and his wife, Marian, are with him at the hospital.

The operation began at 4am yesterday and finished at 8am. The donor of the organs received by Jamie Gavin was Tina Bran, aged three, who died on Monday after having fallen 50ft on Friday from the window of a flat in Southampton where she and her mother had been staying.

Vogue's gallery of three-second posers

IDENTITY



Street canvas artist Miss Liz Rideal assembling her huge collage of photograph booth portraits at the National Portrait Gallery

Father of blinded baby left letter

A father accused of blinding his baby son in one eye took drugs before plunging to his death from the fifth floor of a multi-story car park, an inquest was told yesterday.

Peter Brophy, aged 31, took the pills the night before his death last Friday morning on the way to his trial, at the Central Criminal Court. "We have in our possession some empty pill bottles," Inspector James Edinborough, who is leading the investigation, said at Hammersmith coroners' court.

The inquest was adjourned for two months to enable police to investigate a letter which had been found.

Mr Brophy, of Derwent Road, Hammersmith, west London, was jointly accused with his wife, Kathleen, of cruelty to their son Michael, aged six months.

The inquest was told that the case against Mrs Brophy was still on the file and that the prosecution would decide what action to take in the next few weeks.

The National Portrait Gallery's first collective "living" portrait, a huge collage of 2000 photographs of its visitors, will go on view next month.

So far, 500 tourists, gallery staff and friends of the street canvas artist, Miss Liz Rideal, have adopted various guises to pose for three seconds in a photograph booth set up at the gallery.

Miss Rideal, who is also the gallery's art and education officer, wants her creation, called "Identity", to be a "living portrait of changing identities."

The public is invited between now and August 29 to become part of the portrait every Wednesday to Saturday afternoon at the gallery. "We are all posers at heart. That's the basis of the work," Miss Rideal explained yesterday as she donned a red beret and took a palette and paint brush from a studio of props in the gallery's basement for her own pose, portrait of the artist as a young woman.

There are portraits of grandmothers wearing Eliza Doolittle hats, men who have always yearned to be pirates, and one woman who tries to do a disappearing act.

When the work is finished, a large portrait of a man should emerge.



Gallery staff improvise their own contributions to the living portrait (Photographs: Harry Kerr)

Judge shows leniency to Newham four

By Pat Healy
Race Relations
Correspondent

Four young Asians, convicted of affray after a racial battle at the end of a day of inter-communal violence in Newham last year, were each sentenced at the Central Criminal Court to 100 hours of community service yesterday after pleas for leniency on their behalf.

Judge Denison told them: "Affray is a serious offence and normally results in a custodial sentence, but I accept this is not a usual case."

"I take the view that each of you over-reacted to long-standing and serious provocation. One has only to read the newspapers, hear the radio, and watch television to see what is still going on."

The case had become a cause célèbre in east London, where Asians are subjected to increasing racial harassment and attack.

It arose out of violent clashes outside the Duke of Edinburgh public house in Green Street, Upton Park, last April when about 50 young Asians, angered at a series of attacks during the day, marched with bricks, bottles and iron bars on what they believed to be the headquarters of the white youths responsible.

The clash resulted in seven Asian youths being arrested, and dubbed the "Newham Seven" together with three white people. Three of the Asians were cleared of all charges in July, and the whites were fined £100 for common assault.

The four sentenced yesterday were Parvais Khan, aged 17, and his brother Zafar, aged 18, of East Avenue, Forest Gate; Muhammad Hanif, aged 18, of Wanlip Road, Plaistow; and Bahadur Khan, aged 22, of Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate.

The judge urged them to report to the police people they believed to be responsible for racial violence.

He said: "There are people still there in Newham who commit offences far more serious than yours. If you can help bring those persons before the courts so they can be properly dealt with, it will be a very great help to the community."

The sentences were hailed as a "victory" yesterday by the Newham Monitoring Project, which said that there would nevertheless be similar cases if the police did nothing about racial attacks.

£400 fine for using gin traps

Keith Oliver Stones, a farmer who caught a rabbit in a chain of illegal gin traps laid at the entrance to a badger set was yesterday fined the maximum of £400 by magistrates at Richmond, Yorkshire, in a private prosecution brought by the League Against Cruel Sports after police declined to prosecute.

Stones, pleaded guilty through his solicitor to using a gin trap for the purpose of killing, or taking rabbits at his farm at Nun Cot Nook, near Marnick in Swaledale, North Yorkshire, contrary to the Pests Act, 1954.

The court was told how Mr Paul Patchett, of the Mammal Society of Great Britain, from Kesteven, West Yorkshire, discovered the rabbit in a set of eight traps when he visited Stones's land while on a badger watch. The badger is protected.

Charity money used for holiday

David Brown the Lincolnshire organizer for the Spastics Society, was imprisoned for 12 months yesterday after admitting stealing £7,500 from charity collections, spending some of the money on holidays in Corfu.

Lincoln Crown Court was told that Brown, aged 36 of Marigold Close, Lincoln was appointed to his job only a year after a conviction for deception. He had previous convictions for theft and burglary.

Former soldier killed friend

A former soldier, who stabbed a friend to death as they sat drinking tea in a cafe, was ordered yesterday at the Central Criminal Court to be detained in Broadmoor without limit of time.

Jose Haughton, age 43, a schizophrenic, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Mr Neil McNeil, aged 65, last February in Dagenham, east London. His plea of not guilty to murder was accepted.

Four critical after blaze

Four people were critical in hospital last night after a fire destroyed an aerosol packing factory in Runcorn, Cheshire. A further eight were detained in the burns unit at Whiston hospital.

The Astmoor industrial estate was soaked off as aerosol cans exploded in the intense heat.

NHS cuts staff but treats more patients

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities cut another 4,000 jobs last year, the second year in succession that the number of people employed in the National Health Service has fallen.

The cut of 4,150, on top of last year's 11,400, meant that NHS manpower has fallen by almost 2 per cent since 1983.

Unlike the previous year, the reduction in numbers has come almost entirely from ancillary and support services. Overall the number of nurses had risen by 3,190, just over the figure by which they were cut in 1983-84.

The figures vary from region to region, with almost 1,000 nurses' jobs being lost in London and the four Thames regions as money is switched from London and the South-east to other parts of the country, and 5,800 jobs lost altogether in the four Thames regions and London postgraduate hospitals.

The decline in ancillary staff, down by perhaps 8,000, almost certainly marks the first effects of the Government's competitive tendering programme for cleaning, catering and laundry. Staff employed to run those services when they are private.

Princess wins award after harassment

Mr Kingsley Nzekwe, a managing director, tried to seduce his secretary, saying that love-making improved his work performance, an industrial tribunal at Chelsea, west London, was told yesterday.

Princess Rosemary Kirungyi, of the former Ugandan royal family who had been dismissed when she rejected his advances, was awarded £1,500 for loss of earnings and £100 for injured feelings.

She told the tribunal how Mr Nzekwe held her hand, fondled her hair and told her how he used to have sexual intercourse before examinations to help his performance.

The princess, aged 30, of Upper Holloway, London, said that he offered her a pay rise and promotion at the company, Intermore Supplies in south-west London.

£737 for waiter who refused to charge extra

Mr Gaston Pironnet a wine waiter, has been awarded £737 after being dismissed from his job.

Mr Pironnet, aged 26, refused to charge customers an extra 10 per cent for delivering their wine from a restaurant bar to its banqueting room, an industrial tribunal in Birmingham was told.

He said he was ordered to pocket the 10 per cent by Mr Romeo Vissani, the restaurant owner, and was told to find another job when he refused.

The waiter walked out of the Wesley Court Restaurant, at Cookley, near Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester.

The tribunal chairman, Mr John Haslam ruled that Mr Pironnet had been unfairly dismissed.

Bakery prank led to injury

A high-spirited prank at a bakery ended as a bloodbath, a court was told yesterday.

Tony Bedford, an apprentice baker, picked up Mrs Norma Grey, sat her in the dough mixer and switched it on.

The huge blade sliced into her left arm. Mr Anthony Jenkins, a factory inspector told

magistrates at March in Cambridgeshire. It cut two arteries and tendons and splashed the walls with blood. Mrs Grey, aged 30, a mother of two children needed 17 stitches. Bedford, aged 19, from New Park, March, admitted breaking health and safety regulations and was fined £1,000.

Dentists 'should advertise'

By our Social Services Correspondent

Dentists should be allowed to advertise what treatment they provide and how much they charge for private treatment, Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, has recommended.

The recommendation comes as health ministers are considering how far to press advertising on dentists and doctors in the Green Paper on primary health care planned for the autumn.

The recommendation received a cautious welcome yesterday from the British Dental Association, which said it supported a review of the advertising guidelines. "It would be in the public interest to improve patients' access to information on the availability of dental services", the association said.

In recommendations to health ministers and the General Dental Council, which lays down rules on dentists' advertising, Sir Gordon said he could see little justification for

the present effective ban on advertising.

"I think it should be removed. As long as the usual requirements of truthfulness, legality and decency are met, dentists should be allowed to advertise their hours of business, including arrangements for emergency treatment, the availability of some or all health service treatment and their charges for private treatment", he said.

Mr Tom Dowell, chairman of the dental association's advertising working party, said the association had reservations about advertising charges for private treatment. But it believed that some liberalization of the rules on information advertising was inevitable. "Although we are anxious that it should be properly controlled to protect the public from misleading or inaccurate claims", he said.

The dentists' attitude is a step closer than that of the doctors to the views of some ministers who believe doctors and dentists should be free to advertise to provide more

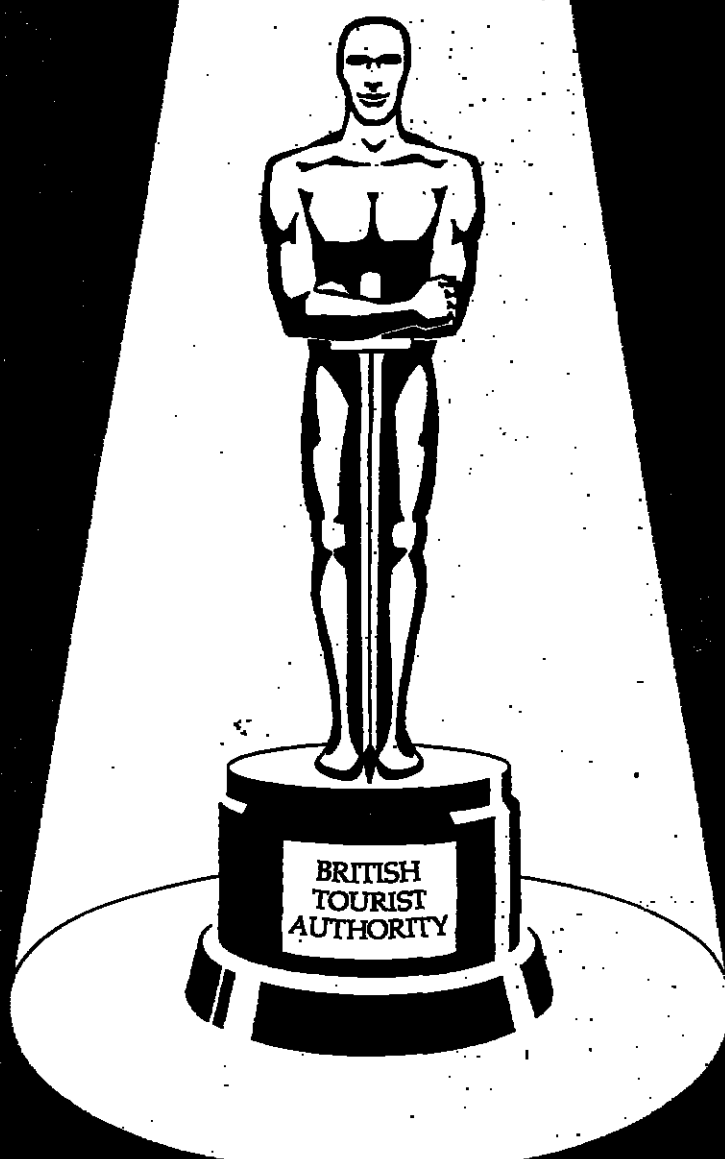
information to the public about services and to increase competition.

The British Medical Association is supporting the idea of more information being available to patients about GPs' services, but has said it would oppose advertising.

Sir Gordon's recommendation that advertising of private treatment charges should be permitted came after a survey of 2,000 dentists by the Office of Fair Trading.

That showed "quite high variations" in the range of charges. For example a porcelain jacket crown could cost from less than £50 to more than £150 and a full set of dentures from £165 to £250. "The patient looking for private treatment has no means of knowing this", Sir Gordon said.

The office found that most dentists offered the full range of health service treatment, although in London and the South-east patients might need to change dentists to get health service dentures and some other treatments.



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TUC's economic review

Union chiefs want £8.2bn rise in public spending to reduce unemployment

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

An £8.2 billion increase in government spending on capital projects and on the maintenance of public services is proposed as the best means of reducing unemployment during the next year, in the TUC's annual economic review.

The strategy, intended as a challenge to the Government's tax-cutting proposals, would consist of an additional £3.2 billion in planned capital spending and another £5 billion on current spending in the next year.

The £3.2 billion, which would be financed from additional borrowing, would be part of a proposed increase in capital investment in the national infrastructure. The increase would gradually build up to £30 billion during five years. The review says that such a sum is needed to put right the "huge backlog of work in areas such as housing, transport, energy and communications".

TUC economists believe that the proposed increase in current spending could be financed largely out of money reserved for tax cuts, which would rise from £3 billion next year to £10 billion in 1989. It argues that the use of such funds would make a "significant impact on unemployment" and says that it would, for example, "allow hospital wards which are presently unused for lack of staff and resources to be reopened".

The review is framed as a demand on the Government to change course and it devotes a chapter to attacking what it describes as the "low-tech, low-productivity" of ministers in dealing with unemployment. It complains that their strategy is based largely on the expansion of low-paid jobs in service industries.

The review goes further than the joint TUC/Labour Party document *New Partnership, New Britain* in making clear that the TUC would discuss

with Labour "the whole question of the appropriate scope of legislative support - including wages councils, fair wages legislation and the possibility of broader statutory minimum legislation".

It insists that such minimum protective limits would serve to "underpin and promote, not undermine and inhibit, the development of effective collective bargaining", but some on the TUC centre-right see discussions on those issues, which will take place during the next year, as affording a possible route to some form of incomes policy.

The TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, said yesterday that it would not be a matter of trade union policies which determined how pay bargaining took place but of how "negotiators perceive the mood of people they represent". That would include the importance they attached to reducing unemployment.

He drew attention to the joint TUC/Labour proposal for a national economic summit early in a new administration and added: "The bargaining

function of trade unions will continue. Something that says 'thou shalt not bargain, thou shalt do X' will not be in train. "But the [proposed summit] is there and that is a damned sight better than a national economic chasm. We believe that had got to include employers because they are there."

"We do want our concern about unemployment to be a motor for change in that area. If we did not it would be hypocritical." The review restates a six-point programme for rebuilding the manufacturing base, including the creation of a national investment bank; shifting resources from defence to industrial research and development; increasing the funds available for advanced information technology; extending the training system to provide "a right to training and re-training throughout working life"; import controls and exchange controls; and a review of the role and structure of public enterprise.

Charter for Change, TUC Economic Review (TUC House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS, £5).

Mr Willis at yesterday's press conference to introduce the review.

Mr David Lea, TUC assistant general secretary, at the conference.

Oman buys Tornado in £200m package

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

British Aerospace is believed to have clinched a deal worth more than £200 million to sell the new air defence Tornado to Oman, the first export sale of the aircraft.

The company has refused to comment, but it is believed that a contract to supply eight Tornados is imminent.

The cost of the eight aircraft is probably in the region of £150 million, but with long-term technical and other support the value of the contract is likely to be between £200 million and £300 million.

The Tornado comes in two forms. There is a low-level strike version, which is a tri-national project, in service with the British, West German and Italian forces, and for which there have been no export orders.

The other is the air defence variant, which will go to Oman and until now only Britain has ordered. By the end of the decade Britain will have 165 of those, and they are starting to reach the RAF in numbers, although they will not enter squadron service until late next year.

The air defence Tornado is capable of twice the speed of sound. Among its outstanding features are a very advanced radar, and the ability to remain on patrol for long periods.

The Oman contract, which has been under negotiation for at least two years, will secure jobs at the British Aerospace plant at Warton, Lancashire, by helping to keep Tornado production going until the next generation of aircraft, the tri-national European Fighter Aircraft, is ready to enter production.

Until now efforts to sell the Tornado have ended in disappointment, with both Greece and Turkey showing interest and then choosing American aircraft. Hopes of further orders are pinned on Saudi Arabia where the British Government, in competition with the French, is trying to secure a big defence sales package.

The Rainbow Warrior bombing



Four detectives, two from Paris (left) and two from New Zealand, arriving in Nouméa yesterday in search of the missing yacht, Ouvéa and its crew.

French join NZ police in search for yacht

Nouméa (AP) - Four detectives, two from Paris and two from New Zealand, arrived yesterday to look into the disappearance of the leased yacht Ouvéa, whose crew is suspected of involvement in the bombing of the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior.

Police officials said the French were Commissioner Emmanuel Farrugia and Inspector Bernard Dardies, members of a unit responsible for internal security.

New Zealand has issued arrest warrants for the three men who were on board the Ouvéa. Reports have identified them as Raymond Velele, the skipper, Eric Audreac and Jean-Michel Berthelot.

They are alleged to have brought explosives and other equipment from New Caledonia to New Zealand before the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior.

In Auckland a French-speaking couple will return to court on murder, arson and conspiracy charges in connection with the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior.

A police spokesman, Senior Sergeant Trevor Tozer, said yesterday that no evidence would be presented against the couple, whose identities have not been announced.

They were charged under the names of Sophie-Chair Turenge, aged 36, and Alain Jacques Turenge, aged 33, the identities on the false Swiss passports they carried.

Police said the couple would be remanded in custody and returned to Mt Eden jail to await a hearing before a judge on a date yet to be set.

Mr Tozer said 50 police were involved in the Rainbow Warrior investigation, the biggest in New Zealand's history. Three detectives have been sent to Paris, two more are on their way and one was sent to London.

A member of the Rainbow Warrior's crew, a Portuguese photographer, Senhor Fernando Pereira, was killed when explosions tore a hole in the trawler's hull.

● WELLINGTON: The Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, has written to President Mitterrand saying that he has instructed New Zealand's ambassador in Paris to make a formal request that the French

authorities arrest and detain certain people wanted for trial in New Zealand in connection with the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior (W. P. Reeves writes).

Mr Lange was referring to the fact that two people had been arrested and warrants for three others had been issued. "I have no doubt that even more are involved in this criminal act. I am aware that there are serious presumptions that this crime was organized in France and French citizens may be involved", he wrote.

Mr Lange also said that M Bernard Tricot, who has been appointed by the French Government to investigate French involvement in the bombing, would be welcome in New Zealand if he needed to come.

Sea check on radio pirates

A ship chartered by the Government was yesterday on station in the Thames estuary for a constant surveillance operation on pirate radio stations.

The crew of the Dioptric Surveyor are monitoring broadcasts from Radio Caroline and Laser 558, off the Essex coast.

A department of Trade spokesman said that action was being intensified because of the "potential threat to life and limb" caused by radio interference from the pirate stations.

UK ahead in car ownership

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Car ownership in Britain is growing faster than anywhere else in Europe or the United States, according to road statistics published yesterday.

Britain's car population per 1,000 head grew at 10.7 per cent to 320 in the five years to 1983 compared with 9.6 per cent in France and nil in the United States according to 1985 Basic Road Statistics from the British Road Federation. Other figures were: 9 per cent in West Germany, 6.1 per

cent in Belgium, and 5.8 per cent in The Netherlands.

As a result, Britain's roads, already among the most crowded anywhere, will become more so by the year 2000 unless big improvements are made the federation says.

Car traffic, at present 220,000 million vehicle kilometres a year is expected to grow by up to 46 per cent to between 270,000 million-330,000 million vehicle kilo-

metres by the end of the century.

Only Italy and West Germany have more crowded roads than Britain with 71 and 54 vehicles respectively for every kilometre of road compared with Britain's 52. The Netherlands follows with 46, and Japan with 38.

The United States, with its 6.3 million kilometres of roads compared with Britain's 344,000 kilometres, has relatively uncrowded roads with only 26 vehicles a kilometre.

China jails hotel fire American

From Mary Lee Peking

A court in Harbin, north-eastern China, yesterday sentenced an American oil consultant to 18 months jail for starting a fire in a hotel in which 10 people died. Richard Ondrik, aged 34, was also ordered to pay 150,000 yuan compensation.

This is the first time that a foreigner has been tried and convicted under the Chinese people's Republic's system. One point, however, the official Xinhua news agency described the fire as an "accident." It said Mr Ondrik was found guilty of negligence.

He was said to have dropped a lighted cigarette end on his bed. He fell asleep but the bed smouldered until he was awakened by the smoke. He left his room but the air currents caused by opening the room door caused the fire to spread to the other 21 rooms.

Five North Koreans and four Chinese staff leapt to their deaths during the blaze on the eleventh floor of the Swan hotel in Harbin, because the fire exits at the end of the corridor were locked. Mr Ondrik's colleague, Alan Eng, died of smoke inhalation.

The deputy chief of the hotel's security, aged 56, was sentenced to two years' jail and a 19-year-old hotel attendant to three months for "neglecting their duties during the accident."

Xinhua said about 700 people attended the court session yesterday, including officials from the US Consulate in Shenyang and Mr Ondrik's American lawyer, Mr Richard Goodwin, who was not allowed to represent him at the trial.

Mr Ondrik has 10 days to file an appeal.

Mr Ondrik has been held in Harbin since the fire in April. He was formally arrested and taken into custody on June 26.

Minister quits after Tokyo firm fails

Tokyo (Reuters) - The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, yesterday accepted the resignation of Mr Toshio Komoto, a Cabinet minister, who offered to leave when the shipping firm he founded became the largest business failure in Japanese history.

Mr Komoto was responsible for handling problems linked to Japan's huge trade surplus. He offered to resign on Monday to take responsibility for the financial problems of Sanko Steamship Co Ltd, one of the world's biggest shipping lines.

Sanko Steamship yesterday applied to a Kobe court for protection from its creditors, a move usually followed by the appointment of a receiver or by liquidation.

The firm tried but failed to ride out a world-wide shipping industry recession with a massive building programme aimed at creating a more efficient fleet.

Banking sources said Sanko Steamship had debts of 520 billion yen (£1.56 billion) when its main creditor banks ran out of patience.

Mr Komoto, aged 74, founded the firm in the 1930s and built it into a world force. It operates 244 ships, including 89 tankers, or around four per cent of the world's shipping tonnage.

Mr Komoto resigned as company president about 11 years ago, but still holds 3.3 per cent of the shares and took responsibility for the firm's problems because friends succeeded him, his secretary Issei Akagi said.

A former contender for the presidency of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, which carries with it the post of Prime Minister, Mr Komoto held the Cabinet post of Director General of the Okinawa Development Agency.

But Mr Nakasone also empowered him to deal with external economic policy, concentrating on Japan's problems with foreign demands for protectionism to counter its huge and rising trade surplus.

The Prime Minister's office said Mr Ipe Kaneko, who followed Komoto as Director General of the Economic Planning Agency in a 1984 reshuffle, would probably take on his economic policy responsibilities.

As EPA chief, Mr Komoto was known for his view that Japan should stimulate domestic demand to boost its economy, which, he said, would lead to the increase in imports sought by the country's main trading partners.

Cabinet farmed out

Ouagadougou (Reuters) - Burkina Faso's radical leader, Mr Thomas Sankara, has dissolved his Government and sent most Cabinet ministers to work on collective farms.

A presidential decree said only three outgoing ministers would continue to work in Ouagadougou: the capital, as general coordinators delegated to Mr Sankara, chairman of the ruling National Revolutionary Council (NRC).

They are Mr Sankara's closest aides and played a key part in the 1983 coup that brought him to power in this landlocked West African country previously known as Upper Volta.

The three are Captain Blaise Compaore, formerly Minister of State in charge of justice; Major Boukary Jean-Baptiste Lingari, Minister of State in charge of defence and Henri Zongo, formerly in charge of economic promotion.

The remaining 19 Cabinet members will be put in charge of 25-acre collective farms

IMF praise for Palme measures

From Christopher Mossey Stockholm

A dispute over a secret report on Sweden's economy by the International Monetary Fund was turned by the Socialist Government to its advantage yesterday when the Finance Ministry published the report in full.

Leaks had spoken of concern about the future of the economy, and with 32 days left before a general election they were seized on with glee by the Opposition. The full report, however, contains praise of the policies adopted by the Socialists after their election in 1982.

Both Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, the Finance Minister, and Mr Olof Palme, the Prime Minister, poured scorn on the Opposition. Mr Palme said: "The IMF report shows clearly that there was a need for a severe change in Sweden's economic policies in 1982, and strengthens our conviction that we must continue with our 'third-way' policies."

The so-called "third-way" policies are intended to keep both inflation and unemployment in check.

Mr Feldt, increasingly talked of as a possible successor to Mr Palme as party leader, in the unlikely event of a Socialist defeat on September 15, denied reports that he had given the IMF assurances of a wage freeze and tax changes after the election.

The IMF report as published by the Finance Ministry advised the Government to produce an inflationary package.

The row over the report has done little to weaken the Socialists' position as front-runners in the election campaign.

Indications are that after the election there will be little change in Mr Palme's present secure position in which with the Communists he has an effective majority of 23 over the non-socialist group.

Even if the Communists abstain on a vital vote, the Socialists still have a majority of three over the non-Socialists, who have 166 seats. Mr Palme may lose this majority on September 15, but little more, according to opinion polls and most political pundits.

Neither option appears remotely plausible at present.

Contadora peace quest goes on

From John Carlin, Mexico City

The Contadora group of nations is unwilling to accept a growing belief that peaceful solutions to Central America's problems look increasingly impracticable.

The deputy foreign ministers of the Contadora nations - Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama - ended a tour at the weekend of all five Central American countries, insisting that progress had been made in the group's quest for a peace formula.

This week, Mexican Foreign Ministry officials were optimistic after Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Peru had decided to set up what they call a Contadora Support Group designed to reinvigorate diplomatic efforts to persuade Central America's warring factions to stop fighting.

But government officials and diplomats in Central America see the prospects for peace talks as increasingly gloomy. As the two chief antagonists in the region - Nicaragua and the

mense American pressure", according to diplomats, backed down.

In June, at a meeting in Panama, hopes were again shattered with Nicaragua rejecting an initial decision to lend its support to a laboriously reworked Contadora peace document.

The arguments for rejecting both Contadora proposals differed but, in the view of diplomats in Central America, the problem is always the same: Lack of trust between the US and its allies on the one hand and Nicaragua's Sandinista Government on the other.

The only hope left for Contadora, according to one senior diplomat, is either for the US to decide it can co-exist with the Marxist-leaning Sandinistas or for Sandinista leaders to be persuaded economically and militarily, into contemplating a radical restructuring of their system of government.

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Israel sees US official's Middle East mission as a 'dangerous move'

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

The news that the US Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Richard Murphy, has embarked on a new round of Middle East diplomacy during which he may meet a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in Amman, has caused trepidation in Jerusalem. Mr. Murphy arrived in Amman yesterday.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Yitzhak Shamir, yesterday expressed concern that the US Administration had decided to send Mr. Murphy to the region. It was "a dangerous move which may well eventually lead to a meeting with a Jordanian-PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) delegation" despite Israel's strong objections to such a meeting.

Israel has objected from the start to American plans to meet a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as a first step towards a later series of meetings that would also include Israel.

Mr. Shamir, in particular, has consistently argued that the whole purpose of such a meeting is to secure American recognition for the PLO, thereby eroding a long-standing US pledge that such recognition would not be forthcoming until the PLO accepted Israel's right to exist.

Reports reaching Israel from Washington yesterday suggested that there was cautious optimism in the State Department that Mr. Murphy will meet a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation in Amman despite continuing lack of agreement on its composition.

In an apparent attempt to allay Israeli fears, the US Secretary of State, Mr. George Shultz, yesterday sent a message to the new American Ambassador in Tel Aviv, Mr. Thomas Pickering, reiterating that the United States will not negotiate with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation unless it is convinced that this will lead to peace talks with Israel.

The Foreign Ministry here confirmed yesterday that Mr. Murphy will be visiting Israel, possibly by the end of this week. He will also be visiting Egypt. Mr. Murphy's arrival in the region may well have defused the crisis that has been building up between Mr. Shamir and the Prime Minister, Mr. Shimon Peres, over the question of Tabat.

Mr. Peres is reportedly to be determined to bring the matter to a head by having the Cabinet agree to Egypt's demands that the future of the disputed strip of Sinai territory be settled through international arbitration. In return for which Egypt is understood to have pledged to improve relations.

Mr. Shamir remains adamant that the issue be settled through conciliation, apparently reflecting an unacknowledged pessimism in the Foreign Ministry that Israel's chances of proving its case through arbitration are slight.

The two men were due to discuss the issue last night amid speculation that they were on a collision course which could seriously destabilize the National Unity Government.

This speculation has been fuelled by charges and counter-charges between Labour and Likud, to the effect that Labour was deliberately seeking an excuse to bring down the Government before Mr. Peres is due to hand over the premiership to Mr. Shamir in October next year.

Political analysts are almost unanimous in believing that the chances of the National Unity Government surviving until then are extremely slight.

● WASHINGTON: The US has yet to take a final decision on whether Mr. Murphy should meet a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation (Mohsin Ali writes).

The State Department spokesman made clear that Mr. Murphy would only meet a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation if it did not include PLO members, if arrangements could be mutually agreed and if such a meeting "clearly leads to our objective of direct negotiation between the parties."



Shia Muslims brandishing Soviet assault rifles after their release yesterday.

Israel frees 101 more Lebanese prisoners

Tyre, Lebanon - Praising Allah and waving to flight Israel, 101 Lebanese prisoners were driven to freedom in south Lebanon yesterday as Israel released the fourth batch of detainees in the aftermath of the June hijacking of the TWA jetliner by Shia Muslims (Our Correspondent writes).

All but one were greeted with hugs and kisses by hundreds of people who lined the streets of Tyre to wave at four international Red Cross buses, the way they have celebrated the return of some 340 other Lebanese from Israeli jails since the hijackers released 39 Americans.

The exception was a slim man in his 20s whose freedom ended as Muslim Amal militia dragged the man out of a bus and beat him before he was thrown inside a grey Mercedes car. His pale face appeared briefly in the rear window as the vehicle sped away. "Perhaps an Israeli collaborator", whispered a cigarette vendor.

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Sri Lankan peace hopes rise after Tamil amnesty hint

From Richard Ford, Delhi

The first signs that real negotiations will take place aimed at solving Sri Lanka's ethnic strife emerged yesterday. Tamil militants said they were prepared for "rational dialogue" on their demands.

In response to the rejection of their four-point charter, the Tamil groups defended their demand, but hinted they would use them as negotiating positions. Although they had described the Sri Lankan Government statement rejecting their charter as "very harsh", it is clear the effects of Indian Government pressure to persuade both sides to adopt realistic attitudes has had some effect.

The Sri Lankan Government delegation at the talks in Thimbu, Bhutan, also demanded that Tamil extremists lay down their arms and close terrorist training camps on the island and abroad as a precondition to any settlement. But the delegation leader, Mr. Hector Jayewardene, suggested an amnesty would be made to all four militant groups, if the terrorists laid down their arms.

The militants have demanded recognition of the Tamils as a distinct nationality, recognition of their right to self-determination, respect for their traditional homeland, and citizenship rights for all Tamils who have made Sri Lanka their home.

The Tamil groups outlined their rights and traced the

development of their struggle over the last few years. A representative said their campaign had assumed an armed revolutionary character only when non-violence and peaceful methods had failed to produce results.

Later Mr. Jayewardene, brother of the Sri Lankan President, indicated his delegation's willingness to discuss "the wide range of meanings" that can attach to the four-point charter although he insisted that at face value the demands were unacceptable. They were, he said, a "negation" of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the island.

He criticized part of the charter as "ambiguous", but said the Government recognized the rights of all communities to preserve, protect and promote their cultural heritage and linguistic tradition. He also promised that state services, including the security forces, would reflect the island's ethnic make-up and this would occur in higher education and the admission to university.

● COLOMBO: Forty fishermen fleeing after Tamil separatist guerrillas threatened them in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province, had been abducted, security sources said yesterday (Vijiraman Yapa writes). The Singalese fishermen, travelling in a lorry, were seized by Tamil guerrillas in the Trincomalee district, and had been taken into the jungle.

French right tries to delay Nouméa law

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The two principal centre-right opposition parties, the UDF and RPR, intend once more to refer the amended law on New Caledonia to the Constitutional Council to test its legality.

The amended law was given its first reading late on Monday night by deputies recalled from holiday by President Mitterrand. It should now go before the Senate today and then have a final reading in the National Assembly.

It was the Constitutional Council's vetoing of a section of the law that caused President Mitterrand to recall Parliament to pass the amended law so that planned regional elections in New Caledonia in September would not fall behind schedule.

The opposition's threat to refer the law to the Constitutional Council again is designed to upset those plans. Their decision at the end of July to test the constitutionality of the law was based on the proposed ratio between councillors and voters which was different in different regions. The amended law alters the councillor-voter ratio so that it is more evenly distributed.

Now the opposition bases

their main argument on the constitutionality of President Mitterrand's recall of Parliament to amend the law in this way.

The Government bases its action on Article 10 of the Constitution which allows the President to send a law back before Parliament within 15 days of its being passed.

The former President, M. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, claims that this is only applicable if the President, himself, has an objection to the law.

The opposition also feel that the number of councillors in the Nouméa region, which has been increased by three, is still not high enough.

Besides employing delaying tactics to ensure that the law cannot be enacted before the general elections next March, it is also felt, according to *Le Monde*, that M. Giscard d'Estaing is attempting to limit presidential powers with an eye to the general election results when a possible centre-right coalition government would have to live with a Socialist President.

President Mitterrand has recently been manoeuvring to protect his own powers.

Attempt to impeach Marcos

Manila (Reuters, AFP and AP) - Opposition members of the Philippine National Assembly formally filed a resolution yesterday calling for the impeachment of President Marcos.

But the ruling New Society Movement (KBL) assigned the resolution to a committee where it appeared certain to be thrown out for "lack of merit".

The resolution, accusing the President of "amassing an enormous fortune by plundering the nation's wealth", was signed by 56 of 57 opposition members. An accompanying "verified complaint", signed by 52 members, accused Mr. Marcos of culpable violation of the constitution, high crimes, graft and corruption.

But the KBL, with 112 of the 183 elected Assembly seats, denounced the impeachment move as "a product of unsubstantiated news reports, irresponsible speculations and gossip".

Meanwhile thousands of workers calling for a general strike picketed the office of Mr. Cesar Virata, the Prime Minister, to protest against violence and killings at strike-bound firms.

Former Congressman Mr. Raul Daza, who returned on Monday from 12 years of self-imposed exile in the United States, was granted bail on 10 charges of subversion and will be tried on August 27.

Communists crushed, Thais claim

Bangkok (AP) - The Thai Supreme Military Commander, General Arthit Kawlang-Ek, accepted the surrender of 361 Communist insurgents yesterday and declared that communism has been crushed in southern Thailand.

More than 12,000 people, including Government officials and Buddhist monks, took part in the mass surrender ceremony in Yala province about 875 miles south of Bangkok, Radio Thailand said. The south was once heavily infiltrated by Communist guerrillas.

Those who surrender included guerrillas of the Communist Party of Thailand and the Communist Party of Malaya, which operates along the Thai-Malaysian border, the broadcast said.

"Let me say that from now on there will be no more communist parties and no more insurgents in southern Thailand. Those who remain are just bandits," General Arthit said in a speech at the ceremony.

The once powerful Communist Party of Thailand has been crippled by a combination of military action and a Government amnesty programme that has drawn thousands of guerrillas from the jungles. Peking also has withdrawn its once substantial aid.

According to the Internal Security Operation Command, 9,633 guerrillas have surrendered in 10 mass ceremonies since 1982.

Warsaw angered by new unions' stand on pay

Warsaw (Reuters) - Poland's new trade unions were criticized by the official press yesterday for failing to help the authorities increase productivity in industry and curb pay claims.

The attack was made on the eve of the fifth anniversary of an outbreak of strikes at the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk that led to the birth of the Solidarity free trade union, since banned and replaced by the new unions.

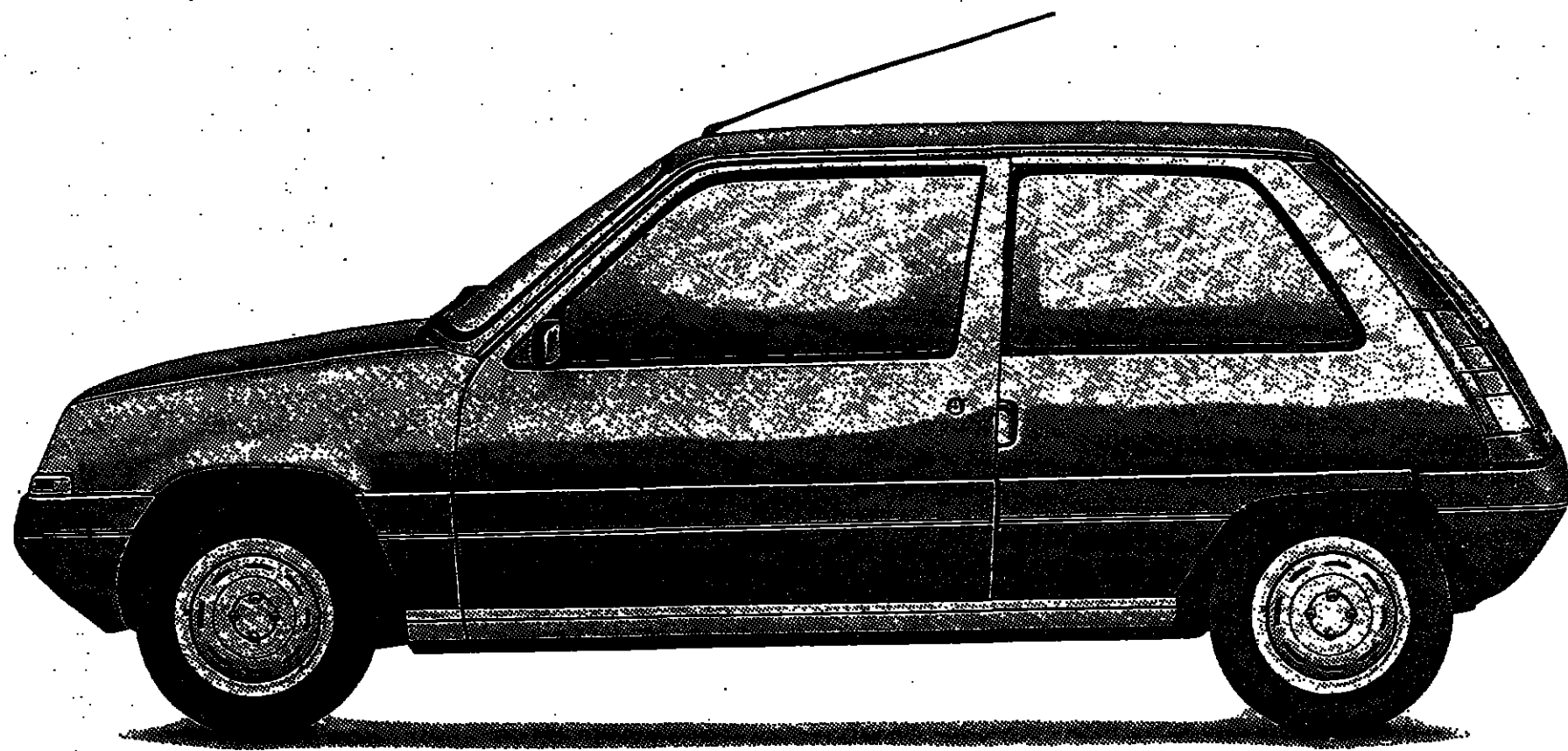
As Solidarity supporters, led by the union's chairman Mr. Lech Walesa, prepared for low-key ceremonies to mark the

anniversary, the Government newspaper *Rzeczpospolita* complained of "the unjustified growth of pay packets in manufacturing industry".

The newspaper said pay demands were not matched by similar rises in productivity and work discipline.

Rzeczpospolita added that the pay rises were putting the Government's anti-inflation drive at risk. It did not say what the unions, which have criticized food price rises, were expected to do to contain militancy on pay.

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Wine scandal forces top Rhine civil servants to resign

From Our Correspondent, Bonn

The doctored wine scandal claimed its first political victims in West Germany yesterday with the resignation of three top civil servants.

The resignations in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate coincided with news yesterday that a German sparkling wine had been added to the anti-freeze blacklist.

State health authorities in North Rhine-Westphalia say they have found diethylene glycol in a bottle of Alpbinger Petersberg Lagesekt. It is the first German sekt found containing the chemical, which is believed to be potentially lethal.

The civil servants who resigned yesterday are Herr Ferdinand Stark, State Secretary of the Rhineland-Palatinate Agriculture, Wine and Forestry Ministry; Dr Hans Bernd Liebig, head of the wine department within the ministry; and his deputy, Herr Josef Koy. Herr Stark will retire, although it is believed the other two are being transferred to different jobs within the ministry.

The Rhineland-Palatinate State Premier, Herr Bernhard Vogel, said yesterday Herr Stark has assumed responsibility for delays in publicizing the scandal.

The Federal Health Ministry in Bonn yesterday released a list of wines that have been

identified as contaminated. More than 800 Austrian wines have been blacklisted so far, and 31 German wines, more than half of them from West Germany's biggest wine house, Ferdinand Piroth, and its subsidiaries.

The German wines on the list are practically including the Spätlese, Auslese and Beerenauslese. The vintages listed range from 1976 to 1984, although 17 of the 31 German wines are 1983 vintage.

● VIENNA: After amassing huge short-term debts a wine bottler and marketer was declared bankrupt yesterday - the first known financial victim of the adulterated wine scandal (AP reports).

The Credit Protection Union, which represents creditors at legal hearings, said a court had accepted a bankruptcy application filed last week by the Brueder Grill Company, in Fels am Wagram, about 37 miles north-west of Vienna.

More than 20,000 Austrians are estimated to earn part or all of their living from growing, bottling or selling wine and the scandal has touched off fears among many of them.

The creditors' association said permanent assets were valued at about £180,000 against debts of £1.7 million.

The firm employs about 100 people.

The owners, Josef and Richard Grill, are in investigative custody in connection with the doctored wine with diethylene glycol.

Of the hundreds of adulterated wines on an Austrian Health Ministry list, more than 60 were bottled or sold by Brueder Grill.

● Forty arrested: The number of wine merchants arrested by Austrian police in connection with the wine scandal reached 40 yesterday when the son of one of lower Austria's most famous wine dealers, Josef Pflanzl, gave himself up to the police (Richard Bassett writes).

The police had already arrested Herr Pflanzl's father in connection with traces of diethylene glycol found in the firm's wine last month.

In Burgenland, Austria's easternmost province, traces of glycol found in grape juice led to the arrest of Herr Julius Hafner. Other arrests are expected later this week.

● Warning failure: Mr Peter Goldman, the director of the Consumers' Association, claimed yesterday that the scare over diethylene glycol had highlighted deficiencies in the EEC system of warning about dangerous products (Robin Young writes).

Mandela home burnt in attack

From Ray Kennedy

Johannesburg

The home of Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned African National Congress leader, was badly damaged in a petrol bomb attack yesterday, a week after she went into hiding in the Johannesburg area because she feared for her safety.

She returned hurriedly last night to the remote Brandfontein township, 50 miles from Bloemfontein, to which she was banished seven years ago.

There was no clue about the identity of the attackers, but there has been growing speculation about the release of Mr Mandela after 22 years in prison. He is serving a life sentence for sabotage and plotting the violent overthrow of the Government.

A week ago police arrested 30 young black students, who are boycotting the township high school, when they held a protest outside Mrs Mandela's home. The police fired tear gas into the house and broke in when some of the students took refuge inside. Several petrol bombs were said to have been found.

Mrs Mandela was in Johannesburg at the time - she is periodically allowed to leave Brandfontein for medical treatment - and the next day her lawyer, Mr Ismael Ayob, said she had gone into hiding on his advice.

Nobody was injured in the attack yesterday. Neighbours said they were woken by the sound of petrol bombs exploding at about 2am. Mrs Mandela's bedroom was badly damaged and the fire spread to an outside workshop, where her car was found asphyxiated.

The attack came as unrest flared again in black townships across the country, two days before Mr P W Botha, the state president, is scheduled to deliver a speech to the Natal



A policeman beating a student during a demonstration in Johannesburg yesterday

congress of the National Party in Durban which, it is being speculated, will include significant proposals for reform.

Last night the United Democratic Front, which has been the main target of the Government's crackdown on anti-apartheid activists during the three-week-old state of emergency, issued a lengthy statement saying that it viewed Mr Botha's expected statement as an admission of failure, "the failure of his attempts to hoodwink our people with piecemeal reforms and the failure of the state of emergency to reassert apartheid domination".

The worst-hit area in the upsurge of violence was Duncanville, a black township outside East London, where at least 10 people have been killed in the past 24 hours.

The police said they opened fire on rioters with shotguns and rifles. One of the dead was a man wounded when he fired on a crowd attacking a delivery van. "A black man was wounded. He was thrown out of the burning vehicle by his fellow arsonists and died as a result of this barbaric act".

In the Johannesburg area blacks said several school pupils were injured, one seriously, when police and troops sjamboked (whipped) them in their classroom in KwaThema township on the East Rand. Near Pretoria, police patrols were attacked in the Mamelodi township, where thousands have heeded calls to stay away from work.

In the centre of Johannesburg, students from the University of the Witwatersrand confronted police for a second day after violent clashes on Monday which left 10 students injured and 30 arrested.

After a tense two-hour confrontation at the main entrance of the campus the police abruptly climbed into their vehicles and drove off.

Reagan aides try to reassure nation

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Senior White House staff gathered in San Francisco yesterday in a strategy session designed to reassure the nation that President Reagan is in control of a range of international and domestic issues.

While the team mapped out a demanding autumn political offensive, Mr Reagan recuperated after the public eye from cancer surgery at his mountain-top ranch in the nearby Santa Ynez mountains. The strategy depends on the President's predicted good health.

A rigorous round of speeches and television appearances is being planned.

Mr Donald Reagan, the White House Chief of Staff, who headed the session said: "The doctors have assured us the President should be in normal health. I talked to him today and he's in great spirits mentally and physically. He told me, 'I feel fine. I'm ready to go'".

The meeting included Mr Robert McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, whose influence with the president continues to grow. Mr Patrick Buchanan, the newly-appointed right-wing communications director, and a host of other top aides. There was a direct closed-

circuit link-up with other senior officials at the White House.

The main goal for the autumn offensive following Mr Reagan's return from a three-week holiday in early September, are the Budget, tax reform, federal spending levels, and foreign policy - notably the November summit in Geneva with Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, and the problem of distributing \$27 million (19.3 million) of non-military aid granted by Congress to the Nicaraguan Contras.

Both the Pentagon and the CIA have been banned by Congress from handling the money. The signs are that the task will be given to the State Department or the United States Administration for International Development (AID).

South Africa and the Middle East, too, will be given presidential attention. The critical Senate vote on sanctions against South Africa is now provisionally scheduled for mid-September.

The White House hopes that reforms to be announced shortly by the Pretoria government will be sufficiently far-reaching to persuade the Senate to delay a decision.

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Poison gas leak firm attacked over delay

From Christopher Thomas

Washington

Union Carbide is a company under siege. It took a battering yesterday from residents, state officials, congressmen and safety agencies after acknowledging that 20 minutes elapsed before it warned emergency officials last Sunday that toxic gas had leaked into the atmosphere from its plant in Institute, West Virginia. Another 16 minutes passed before it sounded a public warning siren.

Sunday was a sultry, windless day, so the cloud of gas hung over houses and a highway for at least 10 minutes. Thirteen of at least 135 affected people were still in hospital yesterday, suffering from breathing difficulties, eye irritation or throat pains.

It seems the accident was the result of human error, plant failures, slow reaction - even weather.

Nine months ago 2,500 people died from a leakage of methyl isocyanate at Union Carbide's plant in Bhopal, India. This chemical is now made only at Institute. The company said on Sunday that the gas leaked from the plant, which caused Sunday's injuries, is far less toxic than methyl isocyanate. But it is now known that the company has given it a highly dangerous classification - category four.

Union Carbide has made a preliminary assessment of what went wrong on Sunday. It appears that steam was inadvertently piped into a jacket around a storage tank of aldicarb, raising the temperature and pressure. Control room operators may have not noticed.

The pressure blew out the gaskets on three ports, allowing the gas to leak directly to the air. Head safety systems worked properly, however, the gas would have emptied into a chemical neutralizer and a flare tower.

Union Carbide has struggled, with a measure of success, to overcome some of the international opprobrium brought about by Bhopal. The events of Sunday have shattered that progress.

Union Carbide yesterday pledged to pay the medical expenses of those injured in Institute. But it can expect another rush of damage suits.

● ZURICH (AP) - Three workers were taken to hospital after poisonous nitrogen peroxide gas escaped from an industrial waste recycling plant in the Neuchâtel area.

Uganda's killing fields

Skulls testify to genocide policy

From Richard Dowden

Matuga, Uganda

They were not even hidden. The skulls, thighbones and ribs just lay beside the track a few hundred yards from the road. The remains of perhaps a dozen people.

Mr Domanico Mutebi asked if I wanted to see more. I said yes. The villager led the way through the overgrown banana plantation and there lay two more skulls, with holes in their crowns.

"You want to see more?" he asked in a puzzled way. "There, on that hill, there are many more."

These are Uganda's killing fields - they lie north-west of Kampala, between the Bombo Road which runs north and the Mubede Road which runs west, the borders of the Luwero triangle.

Between 1982 and 1984 the Uganda army carried out a policy of genocide against the Uganda people of this area. Of that there is now no question. On the pretext of fighting guerrillas they killed and tortured villagers and destroyed their homes.

I picked this former village eleven miles north of Kampala, on the track pointed to the Kuteesa area, but like every other village of the 30 or 40 still standing, it was an empty shell, its corrugated iron roof ripped off and the window frames taken out.

All along the road to Bombo,



Dr Obote: Blamed for the deaths

Mityana and Masaka, the little mud, brick or breeze-block houses stand desecrated and overgrown. The coffee, cassava and banana plantations around them have reverted to dead bush.

No one knows how many once lived here. Estimates suggest between 200,000 and 300,000. A few of the poorest peasants who have been living in the bush are now drifting back, squatting in the ruins while they are beginning to clear the shambles.

At another village the story was the same, an old man said there were many bodies in the swamp. Beyond, in the villages deeper into the bush, it is anyone's guess how many there are. No one blames the National Resistance Army guerrillas for these deaths. Many say

the guerrillas were not even in the area.

From all over the Luwero triangle, reports are coming of skeletons, often in large numbers, being found. A Church of Uganda minister presided over the mass burial of the bones of about 1,000 people at Wakiso, 10 miles north east of Kampala.

The Government is blaming the deaths on former President Obote and his special forces, in particular the National Security Agency which operated in this area.

At Bombo barracks, named as a place of death and torture by several prisoners released last Saturday, soldiers were clearly disgusted by the arrival of a Western journalist and I was not able to meet anyone in command.

There is growing anger in some quarters here at the role Britain has played in supporting the Obote Government. Mr Robert Kitariko, the Secretary-General of the Democratic Party and newly appointed Minister of Public Services, says: "They have suppressed the facts. When the United States' report came out they said it was exaggerated and that they didn't want to play the numbers game".

In August 1983, Mr Elliott Abrams of the United States Government in 1984 called the human rights situation in Uganda "Horrendous" and said between 100,000 and 200,000 had been killed since 1981.

Missionaries and aid workers too, are almost unanimous in the British High Commission's role in supplying military training to Dr Obote's army and failing to publicize what it was doing.

One missionary who has been in Uganda for more than 15 years, said: "There is no way they could not have known. We have been telling them. They could go and look. They just didn't want to know".

Legal fight on Spain's abortions

From Harry Debelius

Madrid

Anti-abortionists have taken out a writ in Oviedo against the doctors and health officials responsible for Spain's first two abortions, arguing that neither met the conditions laid down by the recent change in law.

The Association for the Defence of Life (Adevida) also announced that it would follow up every abortion case in the country and bring a suit whenever it felt there had been an infringement of the law.

Under the law, which took effect on August 2, abortion is not a punishable offence if it is carried out because there is danger to the mother's physical or mental health, if there is the likelihood of a child being born with a serious physical or mental handicap, or if the pregnancy has resulted from rape.

In Santiago de Compostela, in north-west Spain, the president of the Spanish Medical Association, Dr Ramiro Rivera, denied that the association was trying to prevent fulfilment of the law. Regarding the refusal of many physicians to carry out abortions, he claimed that not all objections were on grounds of conscience.

He said the method of case referrals, without consultation of the doctors who are expected to operate, put doctors at risk of being sued for malpractice.

For whatever reasons, doctors in hospitals all over the country are continuing to refuse to carry out abortions. A girl of 14 who allegedly was made pregnant by a rapist now faces the prospect of having to go to another province for an abortion, the medical staff in her native province of Badajoz having refused to handle her case.

45 die as flats collapse in rains

Bombay (AP) - A three-story tenement building yesterday collapsed during monsoon rains, killing at least 45 people and injuring 100.

Fire department rescuers said at least 25 people were feared still buried under the rubble. Four men were pulled out alive more than 12 hours after the collapse.

Most of the victims, who included 16 children, were sleeping when 22 rooms collapsed. The building is inhabited by about 250 people, living as many as 10 to a room.

Saudis execute five in public

Riyadh (AFP) - Three Saudis, a Yemeni and a Somali have been executed by decapitation in public, the Saudi Interior Ministry reported.

The Saudis had been found guilty on three separate murder charges; the foreigners of robbing a bank in Riyadh during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Capra ill

Palm Springs, California (Reuters) - Film director Frank Capra, aged 88, who won four Oscars for films such as *It Happened One Night* and *The Best Years of Our Lives*, is undergoing tests for a possible stroke at the Eisenhower Medical Centre here.

Still in jail

Cairo (Reuters) - Sheikh Hafiz Salama, the leading Islamic fundamentalist cleric ordered to be freed by a state security court on criminal charges, is still in jail, now held under emergency law, his lawyer says.

Four cleared

Dar es Salaam (Reuters) - Four of 19 Tanzanians charged with treason a year ago for attempting to overthrow President Nyerere's government were freed by a High Court here after the presiding judge ruled they had no case to answer.

Out of jail

Dhaka (AP) - Nurur Rahman, a leader of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of Bangladesh, has been released from Dhaka's central jail, party sources said. He was detained on April 19 for opposing rural elections in May.

Helicopters hit

Nicosia (AP) - Three Iraqi helicopters have been shot down by Iranian anti-aircraft fire on the northern battle front, according to Iranian reports monitored here.

Forgery probe

Tel Aviv (Reuters) - A Tel Aviv court has remanded three Israelis while police investigate whether large tracts of Arab land in the West Bank was acquired by forging signatures.

Mine rescue

Johannesburg (AP) - Rescue workers tried to reach seven coal miners missing after a methane explosion killed 21 and injured 29 at Secunda, 40 miles east of here.

Forest arrests

Peking (AP) - China arrested more than 5,100 people last year for felling trees at a time when Peking is restoring forests denuded by fuel needs and erosion. Some have been jailed.

Soviet homage

Moscow (Reuters) - A 1936 minifore concrete tower block designed by Charles Le Corbusier, his only building in the Soviet Union, is to be restored as an architectural monument.

Planes collide

Dallas (AP) - Three people died when two private aircraft collided near Lake Tawakoni in north-east Texas. The second aircraft crash-landed safely.

Raids block aid

Canberra (AP) - Australia plans to cancel a \$AUS45 million aid project on Samar in the Philippines because of guerrilla raids.

Liberation day

Seoul (AP) - South Korea will free 697 prisoners today, the fortieth anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan. Political prisoners are not included.

Naga ambush

Delhi Seven Indian soldiers were killed when Naga terrorists ambushed a convoy in Manipur near the Burma border.

Greens' gift

Bonn (Reuters) - The 27 deputies of the radical Greens party have given nearly 3 million marks (£720,000) from their salaries since entering Parliament two years ago, to ecological, social and political projects.

Nun's killer asks to meet Pope

Kinshasa (AP) - The convicted killer of a nun to be beatified tomorrow by Pope has asked for a papal audience to plead for forgiveness. Zaire radio reported yesterday.

The Pope is due in Zaire today on the fifth leg of his 12-day African tour. He will conduct the beatification of Sister Aurélie Nengapeta, killed by rebel soldiers in 1964, as the first African woman martyr of the Roman Catholic Church.

Ex-Colonel Pierre Opende Ombene, who was reprieved after being sentenced to death in 1965 for killing her, submitted a formal request for the audience.

● DOUALA: The Pope warned young people of the perils of life in modern urban civilization when he visited this Cameroonian city yesterday (Reuters reports).



The Pope greets a young girl on his arrival in Douala, Cameroon, yesterday

Court set to enter Agca's maze

From Peter Nichols

Rome

The court hearing the case against five Turks and three Bulgarians charged with conspiracy to murder the Pope, is expected to decide today whether to hold a special session on Saturday in advance of the planned re-opening of the trial in September.

The proposal arises from meetings which Dr Severino Santapichi, the presiding judge, Dr Fernando Attolico, his fellow judge, and Dr Antonia Marini, the public prosecutor, have had with two Turks being held in Holland and Germany.

For the last two days the judges have been in Bochum and earlier were in Roermond where they interrogated Mr Semet Aslan, the Turk arrested while carrying a pistol similar to the Browning used in the May, 1981, attempt on the Pope's life.

The trial has lasted three months and these journeys by the judges are indicative of the serious problems facing them

after so much dramatic and scarcely reliable testimony has complicated the search for the truth behind the attempted assassination.

Their main difficulty is the character of Mehmet Ali Agca, the prosecution's chief witness and the man who fires at the Pope in 1981 and wounded him.

Agca is now serving life imprisonment. It was his testimony during the pre-trial investigation that resulted in the issue of arrest warrants for the other seven.

His testimony is based on his allegation that he and his Turkish associates were working on the instructions of the Bulgarian secret service and that behind the Bulgarians were the Russians.

From the first day of the trial, however, he placed a heavy strain on his own credibility by claiming that he was the reincarnation of Jesus. Under cross-examination he has frequently been caught lying and the court's main problem has

been to decide when he may be telling the truth.

The collection of evidence is normally the work of the judge who conducts the pre-trial investigation. This time the court was expected to proceed to the public hearings with what has become increasingly clear is a very long but inconclusive pre-trial inquiry.

These two considerations - the need to find more solid evidence and the unreliability of the present witness - explain why the court thought fit to move to Holland and to Germany. And, before this journey, the public prosecutor had been to Turkey to check statements made in court by Ali Agca and look at the prospects for better evidence. But these journeys do not so far seem to have brought much fresh clarity to the affair.

The prosecutor's Turkish journey resulted in the appearance before the court of Sirri Kadem, a carpet merchant who had been to school with Ali Agca.

Ali Agca said, in one of his versions of the attempt on the Pope's life, that Sirri Kadem was among the terrorists present.

Sirri Kadem came voluntarily to testify to the effect that Ali Agca was a liar and that he himself had never before left Turkey.

The man arrested in the Netherlands last May, Samet Aslan, raised confusing new evidence. The pistol he had with him was not only similar to that used by Ali Agca, but came from the same collection of arms that Ali Agca said he purchased from an arms dealer in Vienna.

Yalcin Ozbey, the Turk held in Buchum, is understood to have insisted that the Bulgarian secret service had been involved but had withdrawn at the last moments and left the Turks to carry out the shooting.

He too, however, is hardly a reliable witness. He is supposed to have confirmed that there were four Turkish terrorists in the square

THE ARTS

Television
Japan's
dreadful
secret

"I feel very guilty and I think I did wrong," said Professor Shiro Kashihara, one of Japan's most eminent microbiologists, of his participation in the appalling experiments on Allied prisoners of war in Manchuria.

He was speaking last night in the TV documentary Unit 731: Did the Emperor Know? produced and presented by Peter Williams. Despite the enormous pre-publicity and the "first time" claims of the 77 Times, much of the ground had been succinctly covered by BBC's *Horizon* in *Biological Warfare: A Plague in the Wind*, written and produced by Jeremy Taylor and shown in October last year.

Whereas that programme concerned germ warfare past, present and potential, Mr Williams concentrated on the Japanese pioneers on the command of General Shiro Ishii. It was he who saw in the 1925 League of Nations agreement to ban bacteriological weapons, to which Japan was a party, an opportunity to develop a world-conquering weapon.

His early efforts attracted little enthusiasm, but when spies were blamed for the outbreak of cholera among invading Japanese troops in Manchuria, Ishii gained massive funding for Unit 731, the world's first germ warfare centre, at Pingfan, near Harbin. The chain of command led back to the Emperor.

During the Second World War, 3,000 Japanese scientists worked in Manchuria. Thousands of prisoners at Pingfan and later Mukden were infected with diseases, and the effects and the time they took in dying monitored. Dissection was frequently carried out before the victims had died. At the war's end, the Japanese killed the Pingfan prisoners and burned the barracks, and escaped by mingling with the withdrawing troops. The scientists were later identified but given immunity by the Americans in exchange for their data.

Colonel James Murray, who handled this transaction, which took place despite Russian requests for Ishii to be handed over, told Mr Williams he now considered the immunity "a mistake", adding that the data on germ warfare could not have been obtained in any other way.

The Japanese scientists taken by the Russians at Mukden received long prison sentences but some 10,000 Japanese, connected with the atrocities, slipped back into society under the immunity agreement. Mr Williams doggedly tracked down some of the principals but only Kashihara would talk face to face. Many worked for the Green Cross Corporation, a leading drugs company founded by one of their number.

According to Col. Murray, Ishii himself made at least one trip to the US to lecture on his wartime activities. He suffered after the war from dysentery, one of the diseases with which allied troops had been infected, and subsequently died of cancer. American and British ex-servicemen appeared to testify to their ordeals as guinea pigs. Some of the Americans are suing their government for compensation.

We shall have to wait until September 15 to find who was responsible for the murder of nine astronauts aboard the bad spaceship *Contestoga*. Then the solution will be shown. Meanwhile, viewer sleuths may send in their solutions for a grand competition. Central's participatory *Whodunnit? Murder in Space* may mark a new genre in television thrillers. It was well made, well acted, quite ingenious and surprisingly effective. It made me feel guilty, for I had half thought it would be murder.

Dennis Hackett

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L'Etoile
King's Theatre

The recent eminence of the Lyons Opera made it inevitable that this would be the company invited to an Edinburgh Festival celebrating France. Some of us may cherish a wish that they had brought with them one of their more *outré* credits, Gavin Bryars's *Medea*, but there can certainly be no doubt about the wisdom of their first Edinburgh choice: Chabrier's sophisticated operetta *L'Etoile*, which delighted John Higgins in Paris last winter.

Early in the century it also delighted Debussy, Stravinsky and Ravel, and one can begin to see why. They would have appreciated a work so supremely non-Wagnerian, one appearing only a year after the Ring, even being marked by

Wagner's influence, and yet absolutely refusing to take itself seriously. They would have appreciated too its high degree of orchestral polish, and perhaps also its irony.

Of course, all operettas are ironic about their characters, but Chabrier's manages to be ironic as well about its methods. There are sly allusions to other music: obviously to grand opera in the Chateaufort duet, more equivocally to Gluck in the princess's lament or to the baroque in the king's pre-funeral march. And yet, throughout, there is no striving for effect. One imagines Chabrier looking wistfully the other way while his hand achieves perfection unguided.

The proper execution of that perfection is a challenge, but one well met here. The only serious mistake is a half-baked attempt to flash spots about the auditorium during the overture, which somewhat spoils a pretty

Opera: Paul Griffiths

Chabrier's enchanting sense of irony

piece of music even if it does draw our attention to the recent refurbishment of the King's Theatre. Thereafter the production, by Louis Erlo and Alain Maratrat, goes with great flair, pepped up with English for the Edinburgh audience.

We are transferred to a wholly imaginary but just about self-consistent domain where there can be a pantomime boat with fairy lights alongside Levantine army officers with their uniforms of small arms and sun-glasses. It is a land which commands no belief except as a locale for Chabrier's music, and for a group of people most of whom have been this way before (the cast is practically unchanged from the EMI recording) but who can still enjoy the holiday.

Chief among them is Colette Alliot-Lugaz as Lazuli, the young man whose astrological destiny is responsible for the work's title and for most of

what happens in its frantic plot. Taking cues for hair style, stance and gait from Harpo Marx, she looks a flimsy country lad, and she sings with an insouciant purity exactly right for this music.

Ghyslaine Raphanel as the virginal princess and Magali Dalmonte as the far from virginal ambassador's wife can afford more sensuousness, and Georges Gautier as the king more comedy, even though he also shows a nice soft tenor. Jules Bastin laughably wheels his huge frame around the role of court stargazer.

After experiencing the Orchestre National it is a special pleasure to find a French ensemble playing French music with such brilliance, precision and verve: Lyons has a young orchestra, and they perform miraculously for John Eliot Gardiner in this immensely fine score.



Colette Alliot-Lugaz (left) and Ghyslaine Raphanel aboard the bridal cart

Theatre: Sarah Hemming

Ane Satyre of the Thrie Estaites
Assembly Hall

Returning for 12 further performances of their production of *The Thrie Estaites* and perhaps preparing us for *The Wallace* next week, the Scottish Theatre Company have changed little in essence in their approach since last year, only bringing slightly more speed and confidence to it.

Under Tom Fleming's direction they respond to the question of how it was that Sir David Lindsay actually got away with his powerful and vigorous satire on his sixteenth-century court, society and church, by mounting the morality play in a light-hearted and colourful mood that nonetheless does not detract from the actual bite of the satire and powerful plea for reform. It is

then with humour and colourful pageantry that they fill the huge space of the Assembly Hall and throw themselves into the medieval conventions of theatre, but while this creates the visual spectacle essential for those unused to the old Scots tongue, it does leave the production rather on one level.

Nadine Baylis's design lodges the Thrie Estaites, the Lords Temporal and Spiritual, in a glittering arena above the stage where they can be seen in their debauchery, and constant good use is made of this to bring them into reaction with the vices and virtues beneath them. From here they watch as King Humanitie is first seduced then restored to virtue - the King affectionately portrayed by David Rintoul as young and a little green, again making Lyndsay's criticism of the Crown telling but not too harsh.

Fleming has chosen to make the

vices disarmingly agreeable - Dame Sensualitie, played by Caroline Kaart Raitt as a magnificent, almost maternally figure, seduces the audience with a touch of innocence as she does the King, and it is only when Chastitie appears on the scene that her glitter begins to look tatty. The Thrie Vices, Flatterie, Falsehood and Deceit, are played by Walter Carr, Angus Lennie and John Grievie, all experienced comic actors who know exactly how to play their audience and do so irresistibly, bringing alive their different characters and injecting a great deal of inventive humour into the business of disguising themselves as virtues all too easily to deceive the King.

There are perhaps too many rather easily gained laughs and the comic touches and choreography are a trifle studied at times, but the wit and spirit keep the production moving along until *Divine Correction*, played with more gravitas by Donald Douglas, arrives in

a blaze of ceremony to call the court to account.

It is when the King has been set on his rightful task, and Lyndsay widens the arena from personal moral to political reform by calling in John the Common-weal to address his woes to the Thrie Estaites and strip them of their hypocrisy, that the production begins to linger. Alec Heggie gives a strong performance as John, the peoples' representative, but the company does not seem to have quite found a way round preventing this parliament from becoming rather static.

This unfortunately flattens the effect of the production at its best, where the cast throw themselves into it with vigour and revel delightfully in the unashamedly bawdy and exuberant language of Robert Kemp's acting text - this and the whole impact of the pagan magnificent enhanced by the blazing fanfares and music of Cedric Thorpe Davie and John Grundy.

Greater Tuna
Assembly Rooms

The first of several productions this year to form a link between the Festival and the Fringe, *Greater Tuna* is presented by the Festival in association with the major Fringe venue, the Assembly Rooms. *Greater Tuna*, imported from Texas for its British premiere, is a wickedly satirical two-handed odyssey through small-town misadventures and morals using decidedly offbeat black humour to work up a gradual, and underneath more serious,

indictment of reactionary attitudes.

Jaston Williams and Joe Sears (who wrote the show, together with the director, Ed Howard) work their way through a day in the community of Greater Tuna, a fictitious small town in Texas, suffused in religious zeal and overrun by small animals - both of which continually make their presence felt. Beginning with the two unlikely in charge of the local radio station, who lose the news, forget to come on air and discuss with alarming equanimity the case of the local judge found dead in a bikini, Williams and Sears shift with

chameleon ease through a string of local inhabitants - most of them blithely involved in some sort of fanaticism.

It is an expertly engineered double act, Williams and Sears using their complementary size and presence to create a range of feuding, antagonistic characters, each perched on the edge of caricature and each gradually revealing some quietly disarming perversion or obsession.

Sears, larger, more solid, uses the uncanonness of drag to bring us some altogether too credible local community stalwarts - from the steadfastly bigoted

Aunt Pearl Burras, maternally in beetle-crushers, who does a fine line in puppy poisoning and shows unnerving relish at the death of the judge, to mid-life crisis Berta, who, as chairman of the censorship of textbooks committee, is active in pursuing such unwholesome texts as *Huckleberry Finn*. Williams, his more wiry counterpart, portrays a series of more quirky weird characters, ranging from Tercey Fisk, the loopy local animal protector, to a family of slightly disturbing children.

Despite some extremely funny moments, this low-key black humour depends more on

a gradual accumulation of detail to make its case than on huge laughs, and there are times when it becomes too slow, and when some less than novel ideas and easy pot-shots make the whole thing seem rather a long joke. Williams, in particular, is occasionally so indulgent, over-stretching the point of caricature and slowing the whole thing down.

Taken overall, though, this gleefully disturbing comedy works uncanonally well, and, to judge by the reaction of the American woman next to me, hits below the belt with observant accuracy.

London theatre

Lawrence's anguish of misalliance

The Daughter-in-law
Hampstead

The Royal Court's discovery of Lawrence the dramatist was one of the great events of the 1960s, and given the number of productions that promptly mushroomed round the country, it is startling to realize that this Lawrence centenary revival is the play's first London showing for 17 years.

The Daughter-in-Law is one of a group of related plays written in 1912, the year before *Sons and Lovers*. It was also the year of a national coal strike, and I salute the restraint of John Dove in resisting topicality and treating the strike strictly as a sounding board for domestic strife. What emerges is a fascinating trial run for the More household.

As if unable to confront the hardened hostilities of his parents in middle age, Lawrence thrusts them back into youth and shows a mother-dominated young collier going through marital hell with his bride of six weeks. She has superior manners and a small inheritance; two factors that destroy the husband's self-respect and leave him bitterly wishing he had married the girl of this own class who is carrying his illegitimate child. After a savage climax where wife and



Emotionally precise: James Hazeldine, Cheryl Campbell

mother fight it out over the demoralized male, the wife quietly goes off and spends all her money, thus removing the barrier between them; and the curtain falls on a tableau of love and harmony.

The ending is a mechanical device and there is not the smallest conviction in the reunion. What is real in the play is the sense of a cruel bond holding together two characters who cannot move without inflicting hurt on each other. Luther, the husband, is in the habit of submitting to strong women and then punishing them for imposing their will on him. Minnie simultaneously

desires and despises him; and her struggle to make a man of him (not to mention getting him to wash and come to bed soberly) only heightens his sense of grievance.

What is marvellous in the play is its power to transcend this particular situation and convey the anguish of misalliance unconfined to any class or time. Lawrence knew all the contradictory signals: the man confessing his faults in tones of benighted accusation; the woman appealing for love with tongue-lashing dismissals; fatal terminal questions being met with answering questions as each side tries to dodge

responsibility for walking out of the other's life.

Mr Dove's production looks rough in comparison with Peter Gill's original version, in which everything from the serving of food to the lighting of a lamp was charged with naturalist poetry. What it does possess is a highly-charged, emotionally powerful partnership between James Hazeldine and Cheryl Campbell.

Luther is a creature of evasive one-liners and enigmatic grunts, but you can follow Mr Hazeldine's unspoken thoughts through to every unheralded explosion. Minnie follows Nora and Miss Julie as the latest in Miss Campbell's gallery of pre-1914 feminist combatants. It is a wonderful performance, sharp and proprietorial, but undercut with affectionate laughter and magnificently articulated both in the scenes of marital collapse and in passages of comic teasing (witness how she turns Luther's brother into a rival by lighting his cigarette).

She even succeeds in the Lawrencean task of dismantling her intelligence in the interest of sexual survival. The partners deserve stronger maternal support than they get from Mary Wimbush's Mother Bear.

Irving Wardle

The Hardman
Arts

The protagonist of Tom McGrath and Jimmy Boyle's episodic play, first given in 1977, is one Johnny Byrne, a Goebels gangster doing life for a murder he claims he did not commit. By means of flashback, he presents his criminal career and the incarceration that put a stop to it.

Thwarted in his youthful vocation of altar boy because he has no proper shoes, Johnny finds fulfilment in organizing shoplifting expeditions which escalate to thieving-to-order for Christmas. At the age of 14 he is taken up by a local hood, Big Danny, who employs him to keep lookout for a shebeen; on being elevated to the gang's lieutenant, he demands and gets the smart suit and white shirt proper to his station.

We next see Johnny and his two chins (Tony Edridge and

James Milner) "chibbing" Big Danny and taking over his interests in prostitution, gambling and usury. The young Capone eventually gets two years for GBH, but regards his first taste of bird as a finishing school; on his release he dusts his girlfriend's face with his knuckles and soon is dreaming of London and the big time. These dreams evaporate when he is given life for murder.

Peter Benedict's production makes use of a pair of gossiping housewives (Win Hunter and Dorothy Anne Stiven) who comment on the nightly blood-letting from windows at either side of the stage; but there is little insight here into the hopeless poverty, cultural as well as economic, in which this almost ritualized violence occurred.

Nowadays lifers sometime take intramural degrees in sociology; this gives them a vocabulary with which to put their lives in perspective with-

out necessarily adding to their, or our, understanding. If the sociologist's view of the nature/nurture debate is correct, then the whole population of the Goebels should have been at one another's throats all the days God gave: the proposition that Johnny's environment should have been in the dock in place of himself is pretty resistible, and the ideas of this piece rarely rise above the discussion-group level.

So we are left with emotion - chiefly rage - and with a notably senevy performance from Jim Twaddale as the unstable gangster who defies the brutal screws with petulance and invective and who smears his naked body with his own excrement in preparation for the terminal dust-up in his prison cage. Unfortunately, these confrontations seem to have been written with at least one ear open to Bulldog Drummond.

Martin Cropper

BBCSO/Elder
Albert Hall/Radio 3

After several decades of being dismissed as long-winded Romantic gush, Rachmaninov's symphonic music is fast being rehabilitated as an object worthy of serious analysis. Well-prepared, glowing performances like this one of the Third Symphony have certainly aided the cause.

A sympathetic conductor can reveal Rachmaninov's thought-processes to be far more complex, than is commonly thought. The composer may get up on his feet, as he does in the first movement where rich brass triads and flurries of woodwind support unison strings in their sweeping melodies. But then he is likely to dispel, indeed contradict, the comfortable, luxurious atmosphere with a spiky, often sinister passage of abrasive cross-rhythms and restless orchestration.

The contrast, keenly felt in the first movement, is stronger still in the second. Here there is at least a hint of Mahlerian mockery in the whimsical celesta and triangle echoes that give the scherzo interruption its dangerous edginess.

It was these essential contrasts which Mark Elder projected so well, obtaining in the process crisp ensemble and a thoroughgoing organization of Rachmaninov's mass of orchestral details. Some of the composer's inspirations - four solo violas accompanying a flute, for instance - are gifts that no conductor should fail to exploit, but others need the most careful balancing. It was hard to imagine the eerie opening, with cello, muted horn and clarinet in unison, conjuring more tense anticipation than here.

It was good, too, to hear the work complete and with two harps on both matters even Rachmaninov's own recording is unsatisfactory. Perhaps Elder could now go one step further towards "authenticity" and reinstate the glissandi the composer would have expected from the violins. Themes like the finale's falling-sevenths sequence cry out for such treatment.

More of a passionate approach, particularly towards rubato, would also have benefited Nigel Kennedy's admirably tidy and often warmly lyrical performance of Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. The first movement was

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particularly strait-laced in rhythm, though it was a compensatory delight to hear the themes delivered so cleanly; and the character of the finale's second subject would surely have been better conveyed by an articulation of far heavier stamp.

Kennedy's spicato bowing of the ferocious passage-work seemed at times to make contact with the string too

momentarily to produce any sort of tone. That he is capable of exquisite tone and far greater depths of passion, was evident in his eloquent playing in the slow movement.

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The seeds of social revolution

WOMEN AND WAR



In 1945 most women saw their new-found freedom as a wartime phenomenon and the immediate trend was to put back the clock.

John Costello concludes a three-part series by showing that the movement towards full equality with men was only marking time

The collective wartime experience of women in Britain between 1939 and 1945 played its part in creating the permissive society and shaping the so-called sexual revolution that followed two decades later.

"It was all there then, not quite so obvious as now," one of the 20,000 British girls who applied to become GI brides recalls. "Whenever young, vital people meet in unusual and unsettling circumstances, there will always be a permissive group."

"Togetherness in the blackout was the car seat or doorway. We were brought together that way by the pressures of time, shortage of accommodation and a sense of unsettling uncertainty. Our generation, through sex education in the forces and all the 'free talk', learnt a thing or two about birth control."

"Few of us lived mentally or physically for tomorrow, or even next week. Many of us were set for the post-war life, for the post-war life was a free and easy, in some ways slightly mad, style of living took over. Yet in the background a slight fear hid behind the bravado."

"War-time work was plentiful for us and men were there for the taking. Girls were now able to walk into a public house and order their own drinks and buy cigarettes. We paid for our own cinema tickets and the days of sharing costs had begun. No one would have thought of a date paying her own way before the war."

Yet, as after the First World War, the immediate trend in 1945 was to put the clock back. The post-war moral crusade intensified after the wild abandon of the peace celebrations. Sober Victorian principles were offered as the panacea that would repair the damage wrought by war on the family and married life.

Many women did not find the experience easy, however. One recalls: "When my husband finally came home, we discovered we were two different people. So much had happened in those years apart."

"I realized that settling down was going to be hard. I had two babies quickly and I was stuck in a strange area, surrounded by strange faces, and on my own for hours. I missed going to work and the companionship and intelligent conversation. After a while we settled into some sort of married life, but there were times when I thought that, if there was a hell on earth, I was living it. Yet I did not want a divorce; I could never have left the children."

Earlier, as the war had entered its final stages, lavish



Herbes return... and many women gave up a liberated status to become flag-waving homemakers or (above, right) GI brides

tributes continued to be paid by government spokesmen to the magnificent job that women had done in industry. But behind the scenes their male-dominated bureaucracies were casting post-war plans on the assumption that most would return meekly to being wives and mothers.

It was left to the semi-official Mass Observation pollsters to seek the women's point of view. Only a quarter of British factory workers polled answered with an unequivocal "Yes" to the question: "Should women be allowed to go on doing men's jobs?" Another 28 per cent said that "it depends on post-war conditions", leaving the pollsters to conclude: "The most general opinion seems to be that women will want to go back home or, while waiting for marriage, take up jobs which were considered suitable before the war."

Deprivation made domesticity an attractive option

In the event, more than a million British women were laid off or left their wartime jobs within a year of the end of hostilities. The percentage of women in Britain's engineering industry, which had risen from less than 10 per cent in 1939 to a peak of 31 per cent in 1943, slumped to 13 per cent.

To explain why so many women opted for domestic drudgery in the aftermath of the Second World War became the mission, 20 years later, of apostles of women's liberation, who invented the phrase "feminine mystique".



This was the title of the influential book by Betty Friedan which expounded on the 1945 version of the male confidence trick: "When the men came back there was a headlong rush into marriage. The lonely years when husbands or husbands-to-be were away at war - or could be sent away at a bomb's fall - made women particularly vulnerable to the feminine mystique."

"They were told that the cold dimension of loneliness was the necessary price they had to pay for a career, for any interests outside the home. The mystique spelled out a choice - love, home, children, or other goals and purposes in life. Given such a choice, was it any wonder that so many women chose love as their only purpose?"

Anxiety and deprivation made a retreat to post-war domesticity an attractive option for many women. Social workers and child-care experts blamed the lack of parental supervision in wartime for the high levels of juvenile delinquency, and these accusations stirred the collective guilt of many working mothers.

It was reinforced by the emphasis laid on maternal responsibilities by the fashionable post-war theories of educators like Dr Benjamin Spock and others whose writings sought to put motherhood and child-rearing in a modern context.

The tremendous increase in the number of couples getting married was another factor that checked the move towards greater women's liberation. Two out of three men who returned from the war were still single, and those couples whose marriages had survived the test

of war wanted to make up for lost time by starting or expanding their families. Child-rearing became a national preoccupation.

They now had time to march with their daughters

The "baby boom" children were raised to adolescence according to the permissive "Spock doctrine". They were then to become participants in the sexual liberation movement which had emerged in the late 1960s, throughout the Western world.

Raised in the increasing affluence of the 1950s, they had not only reached puberty earlier in their teens than any other generation, but they wielded economic power.

After the immediate post-war reaction, the trend to permissiveness was firmly established with the film, TV and advertising industries, which had followed the lead of wartime pin-up and girlie magazines. Sex appeal was to become an important element in marketing the consumer boom of the 1950s.

A generation after the Second World War had ended, the seal was to be set on the "permissive society" when the old definitions of obscenity were challenged successfully in Britain and the USA. Homosexuality ceased to be a criminal offence and the laws against prostitution were either relaxed or less stringently enforced.

The development of more reliable and less intrusive means of effective birth control, such as the contraceptive pill, encouraged sexual experimentation by the younger generation and undermined the moral compulsion towards virginity.

Despite vehement opposition

by the churches and moral purity campaigners, abortions became legal for the first time. This represented a significant increase on the freedom of choice for women as well as being a political triumph for a revived women's liberation movement. Its emergence in the 1960s signalled that a large cross-section of women had finally mobilized to make their most serious challenge since the war to their continued subordination.

Significantly, it drew part of its inspiration and inheritance from women who had experienced a transient liberation in the war. Now that they had raised their families and become bored with the post-war ideal of suburban domesticity, they had the time and energy to not only shoulder to shoulder with their daughters, and to campaign vociferously for equal pay and legal rights, free birth control, abortions and adequate nursery care.

Although the movement succeeded in closing wage rates and the gender gap, full equal rights and equal pay were elusive. Nevertheless, the consumer economy had expanded to the point where it depended not only on women's spending power but on the labour of married women.

The steady advance of women towards full and equal economics and social status with men may well prove to be the most significant social revolution of the 20th century, a revolution that is far from over.

While many of women's wartime economic gains were to be given up in the retreat to post-war domesticity after 1945, the seeds of a profound sexual revolution had already been sown. They were to germinate and flower two decades later into a movement for women's liberation that won many of the rights for which the women of the Second World War had been fighting.

Adapted by H. J. Weaver from *Love, Sex and War: Changing Values 1939-45* by John Costello, to be published by Collins (£9.95) on August 28.

Motorway nights with the stars

The 75-mile stretch of unrestricted M1 motorway between Watford and Crick, Northants, excited Britain's motorists when it opened in 1959. But it was the first service station that became a place of pilgrimage for teenagers hoping for instant glamour

For young people, the new road was a concrete escape to a new kind of excitement. Along it on a Saturday night, would swarm the Morris Minors, XK Jaguars and Norton motor bikes, eating up the miles at incredible speeds in search of the bright lights.

Their destination? Mr Forte's snack-bar on the M1 - forerunner of a network of transport restaurants, fast food cafeterias and motels. Newport Pagnell, 57 miles north of London, found fame overnight as the home of Britain's first motorway service station.

Its silver jubilee celebrations tomorrow will be as low-key as the opening, which took place at 7am one weekday without fuss, or the kind of ribbon-cutting ceremony which had marked the opening of the new motorway - by Transport Minister Mr Ernest Marples the previous year.

But this cosy man-made island called out to Britain's youth, the generation of teenagers who did not know there was anything special about being young but forsook the coffee bars of Soho to spend Saturday night "doing a ton" on this long straight road.

Girls called Brenda, Iris and June - and me - perched on the bar stools of the cream and red snack bar patting beehive hairstyles and sipping shilling (5p) beakers of Coca-Cola with fresh cream while we dreamed about Albert Finney, American blues, jeans and holidays to Rimini.

Perhaps not even the far-seeing Mr Forte, now a lord and head of the mighty THF catering empire, could have envisaged that his resting place for motorists would become a pilgrimage to instant glamour.

From the steamed-up windows of the snack-bar you could watch the Bentleys and Rolls-Royces streaming into the car park. Out of them stepped cult figures like singer Tom Jones, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the cast of Coronation Street, all heading for the up-market Grill and Griddle. In there, black-dressed waitresses served celebrities with rump steak, field mushrooms and fried potatoes for 11s, knickerbocker glory 3s 3d and grapefruit cocktail 1s 6d. Prawn cocktail had yet to become the nation's favourite starter.

The early days were heady for Mrs Gladys Pell, 67, now cashier of The Granary restaurant and one of the first 58-a-week counter assistants. "You didn't want to take your day off because home was so boring when you could have all the excitement you wanted at work," she recalls.

"I remember the Beatles: they were very unruly and threw bread rolls at their manager, Mr Epstein. We had to put them in the Grill restaurant annex, along with Mick Jagger, because their fans would mob them. Customers would queue for hours just to get a seat and the Grill waitresses were the envy of us all."

"My favourite customer was nice Lord George-Brown, and Sir Harold Wilson would bring his wife in for a meal, too. We saw the first miniskirt here. What a sensation that caused. Now nothing could surprise me."

Mr Noshir Rani was assistant manager of the Grill and Griddle and is now area general manager responsible for the



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Taste of excitement: the first motorway service station

daily running of the service area. He recalls his favourite customer, Mr Edward Heath, coming in for a meal with other politicians.

"Transport has changed the pattern of our lives but I don't think our customers have really changed."

If the Grill and Griddle - now a Little Chef - was the star, so the snack-bar bustled with lorry drivers, bikers and families arriving by BSA and sidecar to enjoy Forte's "shell egg ice-cream" for 10d. Fifty motorists drove in on opening day, when a director of Forte's told a special correspondent of *The Times* that the company expected to handle 180 people a day without difficulty. Today at peak times the service station daily handles 5,000 to 6,000 customers.

By the early 1970s the excitement attached to the novelty of drive-in-eating was replaced by criticism of food, a campaign vigorously waged by the Egon Ronay Organization. Their 1978 report found staff efficient and most sites clean but the food dreadful, in many cases due to the use of convenience food. The 1981 "Just A Bite" guide found things little better, although Fortes came out better than most competitors with nine of their service areas acceptable and eight poor.

That was the last Ronay survey of motorway areas and Mr Mike Gilpin, director in charge of THF motorway services, hopes that next time inspectors will notice an improvement. "Things were poor in the 1970s," he admits, but it was not until the Prior Report came out in 1979 that we were able to put investment back into our facilities.

"Until then we had to pay an operational rent to the Government and there were considerable restrictions on what we could do. Now I am conscious that we have to woo the

motorist here, we have to offer meals and snacks at an affordable price. And, of course, the opening of our hotel on this site has opened up another market. We are trying very hard."

Plagued by bad publicity and hit by the 50mph speed restrictions on all roads during the fuel crisis, motorway catering reached a low point during the 1970s. Customers used to the facilities of the autobahns, autoroutes and autoroutes rejected snack foods often handed grudgingly over the counter. The 1980s have seen the emergence of more food choices following an awareness of healthy eating.

The cup of tea that once cost 6d, has been replaced by a pot of tea for 39p; coffee no longer comes in a beaker but in a china cup at 39p. An array of hamburgers - costing from £1.50 and all served with lettuce, sesame seed baps and a choice of relishes - is a healthier variation on the 1960s treble hamburger, fried egg and fried potatoes for 3s 3d.

No chips are served at all in the Granary self-service and the counter arrangement is an echo of the Trusty Bar Service greeted as a novelty 25 years ago. This "daring experiment" of trusting customers not to walk off without paying was Mr Forte's own idea and he was delighted to note that the market price was received in every sale.

The sons and daughters of the Joans and Brendas who exchanged girlish confidences over coffee now leave The Granary to head for theme bars or night clubs, excitement and entertainment have become expected ingredients of their lives, but they will never know the heart-stopping passion of watching Tom Jones or The Beatles tucking into steak and chips on a Saturday night.

Suzanne Greaves

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Hiroshima's bomb in perspective

From George Winkley, Links Road, Sheringham, Norfolk.

I do not understand why your Spectrum article (July 29) is headed "The forgotten victims of Hiroshima". The media are full of them. The forgotten victims are our Far-Eastern prisoners-of-war, who were driven to death on the Burma Road or who came home physical wrecks to linger on a few years. The forgotten victims are the victims of Pearl Harbour, bombed to death before any declaration of war.

The atom bomb brought the suffering of countless thousands to an end, and it was perhaps the only thing that could, but the victims are not forgotten.

From Dr P. F. Kornicki, Carlyle Road, Cambridge.

David Watts's article on "The forgotten victims of Hiroshima" is a timely reminder of the fate of Koreans in what is often mistakenly thought to have been a uniquely Japanese experience. At the same time, his account of the selfless efforts of Dr Kawamura to alleviate the

TALKBACK

suffering of Korean survivors of the atomic bomb may serve to counter the view that Japan's relations with its Asian neighbours are uniformly tinged with condescension and disguised intolerance.

Two years ago I came by chance across a gravestone in an obscure nunnery in the north-eastern part of Kyoto which tells a similar story concerning a young Malay medical student. He had gone to Japan under a scholarship scheme and he was pursuing his studies at Hiroshima University when the bomb was dropped.

He survived the initial blast, but was suffering from radiation sickness and burns as he made his way up to Kyoto by train. He died on the platform of Kyoto station, and it was from there that his unclaimed body was taken by Buddhist nuns for proper burial.

The inscription on the gravestone was written by Mushano-

kaji Sanetsugu, an important novelist and humanist, well after the end of the war.

The Malay student was another "forgotten victim," but his grave is still tended by Japanese.

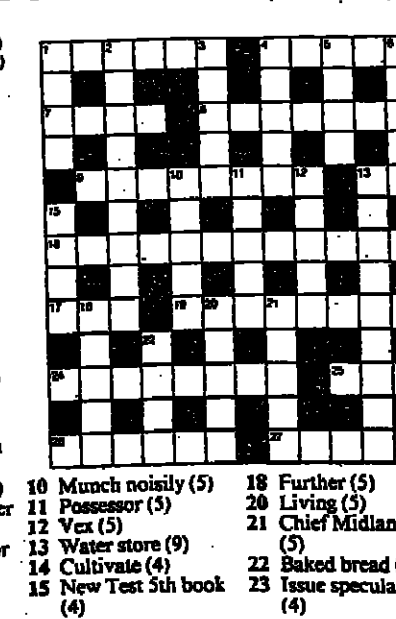
From Roland Hoffman, Southfield Road, Orpington, Kent.

As an ex-PoW of the Japanese it is difficult to generate too much sympathy for the Koreans. Mr Watts may be unaware that the majority of our guards were Koreans. The treatment we received from the Koreans was infinitely more brutal than that meted out by the Japanese, and it was most gratifying, some years later, to learn that the Koreans were slaughtering each other.

Another little known fact is that, in the event of an Allied invasion of Japan, all prisoners were immediately to be liquidated. This did not happen as the bomb was delivered instead, and as I was about six miles away at the time, I am able, 40 years later, to tell you about it.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Putting faith to the test

The methods of Britain's spiritual healers are

to be clinically monitored in an attempt to produce evidence that they work.

Sally Brompton reports

Every Thursday at noon, Helen Yaffe starts work in the Pain Relief Clinic of Liverpool's Walton Hospital. She has no medical qualifications yet she treats patients suffering chronic pain — a pain that she is frequently able to ease and sometimes cure.

Her methods owe nothing to medical science and she does not normally even know what specific illness she is treating. Instead, she uses what she describes as "natural healing", utilizing the patient's own energy to help them help themselves.

Although Mrs Yaffe, a 64-year-old widow, accepts no payment for her work, the clinic is funded by the National Health Service and run by their medical staff, an indication of the growing respectability of spiritual healing as a serious form of alternative medicine.

Yet, even today, healing is regularly ridiculed as a refuge for quacks, cranks and charlatans by even those free-thinkers prepared to extol the virtues of other fringe medicines such as homeopathy, acupuncture and herbalism.

Now, at last, fed up with the decades of doubt and suspicion, the healers have banded together to make a determined effort to bring their skills out of the shadows and get them officially approved by the medical authorities and extensively used in the NHS.

To achieve this, they are launching a full-scale medically controlled research programme intended to produce irrefutable scientific proof that healing works.

For their guinea-pigs, they are recruiting sufferers of five disorders: cataract, rheumatoid arthritis, cancer, pain in the form of neuralgia and sprain and oedema blue, a rare hysterical condition brought about by a muscular spasm leading to fixation of the joints and for which there is no known medical treatment.

They have also enlisted as their front man retired senior civil servant Mr Denis Haviland, 74, whose organizational and diplomatic expertise is helping to transform what has been something of a cottage industry into a credible and authoritative force.

As chairman of the three-year-old Confederation of Healing Organizations (CHO) representing 14 bodies and 7,000 individuals (out of an estimated 20,000 in Britain), Haviland is masterminding the spiritual healers' quest for respectability.

"If you want the medical profession to change its policy in a major respect and the government of the day to endorse it, you have got to produce proof," he said.

He admits that the movement's image has been hampered in the past by the charlatans prepared to make a quick buck out of the desperate. To overcome them he has introduced a 14-point code of conduct for healers. He maintains that the vast majority of genuine healers refuse to accept payment for their services other than the occasional voluntary donation, an attitude which he does not personally share. "Our objective as a council is the profession of healing and obviously professionals have to be paid."

He would like to see the spare-time healers give up their full-time jobs and devote themselves to healing. "The trouble is that a very high proportion of them believe that they are merely a channel from God and that they would be prostituting their gift if they took money for it."

Most healers find it difficult to explain what they actually do. Helen Yaffe says her patients must be "deeply relaxed and in a different consciousness. I make them look inside their own body and once they do that they can see quite clearly what has to be done."

She claims that one of her patients who did just that discovered that a muscle in his back was too short and managed to put it right himself by stretching and twisting his body.

It is stories like this that tend to bring out the sceptic in the medical pro-



Mind over matter: Helen Yaffe and patient at a Liverpool clinic

fection, which is why the healers are anxious to prove their plausibility with scientific evidence.

The research programme, which is expected to cost a total of around £500,000, is taking place simultaneously at five separate medical centres round the country and is expected to last between six months and two years. Patients taking part in the experiment will be monitored regularly by top medical experts in each of the five fields.

The cataract project will be run by a leading professor in one of the country's institutes of ophthalmology. Despite professing to having an open mind, he is pessimistic as to the healers' chances of success.

"By choosing cataract as one of their disorders I think they are loading the dice against themselves," says the eye expert who chooses to remain anonymous at this stage in the experiment. "There's no psychosomatic element in cataract. You are almost dealing with a chemical situation, a chemical change."

The professor will examine the patients before the weekly healing sessions begin and again when they feel there has been some improvement in their condition. Since there is no medical treatment for cataract other than an operation, any retrogression in the complaint will almost certainly be due to the healing.

In fact, cataract is not one of the fields

in which healers believe they perform best. Rheumatoid arthritis, however, is and they claim an impressive record in easing and even curing this painful affliction.

The doctors at Leeds University who are monitoring this area of the project have drawn up a comprehensive protocol as to how it should be conducted. They are planning to use three separate groups with 20 sufferers aged between 18 and 65 in each. One group will receive the standard medical treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, another will get spiritual healing while the third will be given only counselling on the ground that much of the alleged success of healers may be due to their morale-boosting bedside manner.

Many healers feel that they are at their most successful when it comes to alleviating pain. At the Pain Relief Clinic in Liverpool, Helen Yaffe works alongside other specialists in a variety of therapies, helping sufferers to cope with pain.

Often her patients are highly sceptical about being treated by her in the first place. Barbara Turner was one of them. "I didn't believe in any of these alternative medicines," said the 36-year-old housewife. After just one session, however, the stiff neck she had suffered for several years vanished. "I was a bit stunned," admits Mrs Turner. "In fact, I was rather frightened when it first happened." Now, however, she is entirely in favour of healing.



Faith healing at the Bromley clinic and (right) Mr Denis Haviland

Mr Eric Ghadiali, the clinical psychologist at the Pain Relief Clinic, holds the view that any success Mrs Yaffe may have is due to psychological reasons. "I don't think there is any magic aspect to healing," he says. "And I don't think there is anything that happens in these sessions that can't be explained by normal psychology."

He cites placebos which have been found to have a 30 per cent success rate and says he will only begin to believe in spiritual healing if the proportion of people helped by healers proves to be greater than that. Even so, he insists that he and his colleagues are open-minded about healing.

The Confederation of Healing Organizations insists that there are doctors who recommend healing to their patients and, on occasions, even practise it themselves.

One such is CHO president Dr Alec Forbes, 67, who was a senior NHS consultant physician for 28 years and introduced healing into his practice at the Plymouth General Hospital. "My colleagues didn't like it and threatened to report me to the General Medical Council," he recalls. "Some of them were very hostile to me and would look the other way when we met in the corridor. It upset them a lot. They couldn't understand it because they thought it wasn't scientific."

"I think there is a perfectly scientific reason for healing which will be discovered when physics and psychology develop."

Dr Forbes' interest in healing began after he found himself growing increasingly discontented with medicine and its failures. "Healing treats people, not diseases — which is why it is entirely complementary to medicine," he says. "It helps people to get themselves well. That's what's meant to happen in medicine except that the drugs often kill them off first."

Through talking to other healers he discovered he was one himself. "I studied their methods but I kept quiet about it," he admits. "On average, healers have a 60 per cent rate of improving a patient's condition, with 'a few miraculous cures' thrown in."

"In private a lot of doctors go to healers and many nurses practise healing quietly. But the establishment just don't want to know about it because it's something they can't understand or explain."

Oliver Broadbent, with her husband, Ron, runs a healing practice in Bromley, Kent. With a voluntary team of healers they see about 200 patients a month in their twice-weekly clinic in two halls of a local church. There is no charge — but patients are asked to make a minimum donation of £1 to cover the rent and running expenses.

The healers treat most ailments ranging from cancer and arthritis to epilepsy, infertility and brain tumours but, according to Ron Broadbent, get their most dramatic results with multiple sclerosis sufferers. "We are able to reduce the pain and give them a better way of life," says Mr Broadbent, a 63-year-old former civil servant who is vice president of the National Federation of Spiritual Healers, the largest of the healing bodies.

While the medical establishment watches with interest to see the results of the CHO's research project, they are scarcely getting excited. "It is not our job, at this stage, to get involved," declares Dr John Dawson, head of the professional and scientific division of the British Medical Association and a member of its working party currently investigating some 118 alternative therapies. "But we will obviously be interested to see the outcome."

The last time the BMA looked at healing was in the 1950s when it concluded that the success rate of healers was no greater than would have been achieved by chance.

It has taken the CHO two years to get their research programme even off the ground. "The early stages of the battle were the bloodiest and most difficult," says Denis Haviland, "but now that our skirmishes are beginning to succeed the line is gaining momentum."

"We're not trying to put doctors out of work but offering ourselves as a complement to orthodox medical treatment. I think that the moment they find there is some extra help they can get — particularly so cheaply and easily — they will rush to get it."

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THE GUEST COOK



In the second of our series, Jenny Greene, editor of *A la carte* magazine, picks the freshest produce

cooked my way through Arabella Boxer, the aforementioned Carrier, and seventy-two parts of *Cordon Bleu*. Those were the days when a dinner party took a week. You started on Monday, cooked on Tuesday, entertained on Wednesday and washed up on Thursday. If you didn't offer a substantial main course preceded by a rich first course and a choice of two puddings, people felt cheated.

Thank goodness, there's been a food revolution: it's no longer smart to slave over a hot stove. Smart food is now a succession of small courses that seduce by their freshness and, with luck, originality.

What's vital is that they are carefully presented and accompanied by interesting wines, preferably without (unless you're very rich, or a wine merchant) fancy labels. A selection of interesting Italian, Californian and Spanish is new to most people and makes an economical change from chateau-bottled French.

An example of what I mean is the menu for a dinner party this weekend: Tiny cold omelettes filled with raw mange-tout and



whipped cream or tomato and basil; artichokes au gratin; roast chicken with peach and ginger salad; potatoes cooked in jellied chicken stock; farmhouse St Neaire with sultana bread (cheese from Paxton and Whitefield, Jernym Street, W1); and strawberry jelly.

Cold omelettes with raw mange-tout
Serves four
4 eggs
Handful mange-tout
2 tablespoons whipped cream
3 small tomatoes
Few sprigs fresh basil
Salt, pepper

Elizabeth David suggests cold omelettes with raw broad beans and a little whipped cream, but I have found mange-tout, which are so easy to grow, an interesting alternative. Raw skinned (and seeded) tomatoes mixed with chopped basil are delicious also. Make the omelettes thinly in a small pan and when nearly cooked, add

whichever filling you choose. Fold and arrange on a serving plate. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. You can make the omelettes about an hour before serving.

Potatoes in chicken stock
Serves four

1 35kg (8lb) small new potatoes
300ml (1/2 pint) good chicken stock

Scrub potatoes but do not peel them. Add to chicken stock. Bring to the boil and simmer until tender (about ten minutes). Remove potatoes and keep warm. Boil the stock to reduce it to a couple of tablespoons. Spoon it over potatoes and serve.

The roast chicken with a peach and ginger salad is adapted from the *Cordon Bleu* cookery course.

Roast chicken with peach and ginger salad
Serves four

1.35kg (3lb) free-range roasting chicken

Few sprigs rosemary

55g (2oz) butter

1 glass white wine

300ml (1/2 pint) good chicken stock

For the sauce

1 tablespoon chopped onion

2 carrots, chopped

1 tablespoon flour

1 dessertspoon tomato purée

300ml (1/2 pint) good chicken stock

Sprig of parsley

Set oven at moderately hot 400°F. (200°C/gas mark 6).

Roast chicken with butter inside bird on bed of rosemary, stock and wine. When nearly cooked (about 40 minutes) remove, joint, and boil up

juices in pan. Prepare sauce by browning onion and carrot in olive oil. Add flour and stock.

Add juices from roasting tin and boil together until reduced by half. Replace jointed bird in roasting tin. Pour over strained sauce. Cook for 20 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with peach and ginger salad.

Peach and ginger salad

1 lettuce heart

3 fresh peaches

3 tablespoons preserved ginger

1 lemon

Pepper, salt

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon ginger syrup

Sprig parsley

Wash lettuce and dry well. Scald and skin peaches (remove stones). Slice ginger. Arrange peaches and ginger in overlapping layers on a plate with small lettuce leaves. Make sauce by putting olive oil, ginger syrup, lemon juice and seasonings into a screwtop jar and shaking well to emulsify. Pour over peaches just before serving and sprinkle with parsley.

Strawberry jelly

Serves four

2 packets strawberry jelly (Sainsbury's, Chivers etc)

750ml (1 1/4 pints) rough red wine

3 tablespoons strawberry jam

Large carton double cream

Dessertspoonful Amaretto

Oil inside of jelly mould.

Modern jelly moulds tend to be rounded and somewhat flat — so it's well worth buying an antique if you come across one.

Make jelly by melting cubes with wine over heat. Allow to cool. Add strawberry jam. Set in fridge overnight. Turn out just before serving. Whip cream, add Amaretto, serve separately.

The wrong sort of monkfish was pictured on this page on July 24. Our drawing was of the angel shark (*Squalius laietanus*).

We should have illustrated the angler fish (*Lophius*). Both answer to the name monkfish, but only the angler fish is also known as lotte.

When you're hopelessly lost down memory lane

People with poor memories live in the eternal present. They cannot remember what they did yesterday and they have no idea what they planned for tomorrow.

Their eyebrows are constantly raised in surprise. "Did I really invite you over for dinner tonight?" "Are you sure you gave me your keys?" "Did I have the baby with me when I left the house?"

Halfway down the M1 in a car loaded full of camping gear and passports, they will turn to you and say, "Can you remember seeing me shut the front door?"

A friend of mine with this problem tells me she is prone to rushing into rooms with a tremendous sense of urgency, only to be struck by total amnesia.

On one such occasion recently she could not recall why she had found it so necessary to visit the back bedroom. However, being naturally industrious, she decided to put her time to good use and started to strip the wallpaper. When she went back downstairs she remembered she had been looking for a blanket to throw over the chip pan.

My friend and I have a lot in common, for the part of my brain which assigns itself to memory retention is the size of a small pea. During my formative years I must have absorbed many an interesting fact about the honey bee and sulphuric acid and the ancient Greeks who thought up fundamental principles rather than watch television.

All the details have slipped from my brain down into my spinal column to be around my vertebrae forever beyond recall. I am left with a hazy impression of everything I once knew, the whole of my academic learning merged to become a conglomerate image of a 200-year-old Greek singing "Who is Sylvia?" while dissecting a frog in a very full bath.

Such a shame really, because it would have been so easy to toss a fascinating snippet of information into the conversation (isn't this why we educate women?)



MRS IONS' DIARY

When the evening's conversation has gone full circle and people are making ready to leave on the assumption that this is where they came in, I could say, "Did you know that Emperor Joseph of Austria-Hungary decreed that all his subjects ate ginger bread daily to encourage regular bowel habits?"

Galvanizing. The only danger would be that everyone would be so intrigued they would demand to know more of this fascinating man, his life and times, marriages, childhood illnesses, allergies and so forth. Someone would ask for his recipe. They

would look to me to entertain them for at least the next hour. I would have to confess to this being all I know about him, or his period of history, and indeed, it would be pretty much all I could remember beyond yesterday lunch-time.

What concerns me a bit is that when I grow old and start to lose my immediate short-term memory, I will have no long-term memory to fall back on. Will I know who I am? I worry in case I wind up gnashing my gums in a hospital bed vaguely aware that I might have forgotten something. The whole of my life.

I intend to start keeping a diary so that when the time comes I'll have something to fall back on. In fact, I have toyed with the idea of making it largely fictitious. I won't be any the wiser and it will make more interesting reading.

I think the poor performance of my memory is due to laziness and superficial concentration. I'd rather it was due to high intelligence and a sparkling wit, but not everything goes the way you want it in this life. While events are actually taking place, the memory-impaired person is thinking of something else.

Those of us who have a problem with our memories choose to deal with it in a variety of ways. Some apologize profusely, some deny everything and some write lists. I write lists and am always coming across

urgent notes stuck to doors

reminding me to "Remember Mary! Saturday 2.30!"

Mary? Who's Mary?

I've had my embarrassing moments but fortunately I don't remember them for long. Only yesterday, I rushed across my son's school playground to

accost a lady I was sure had invited me for coffee (somebody had, and she looked about right).

"Hello!" I hailed her. "I'll pop round about eleven if you tell me where you live!"

She looked a bit blank, and a bit startled, all at once.

"You've forgotten, haven't you?" I exclaimed, rather smug, glad to have found someone else who issues invitations only to spend the next week wondering uselessly who is coming and when.

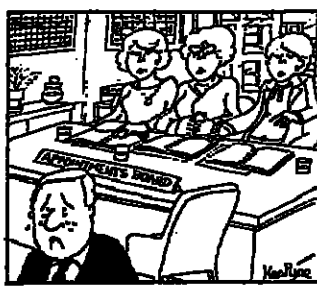
She spoke. "Do we know each other?" she asked, taking the bull by the horns.

Well I didn't know her. I was assuming that she knew me.

The particularly galling part of the whole incident was that I'm sure she went away thinking I was a lady so short of invitations I was making them up. But in a few days time I am confident that I'll have forgotten the whole thing.

You see, having such a poor memory, I live almost entirely in the present. Or have I already said that?

And by the way, who the hell is Sylvia?



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THE TIMES DIARY

Know your enemy

Lady Porter, leader of the Conservative Westminster Council, has written a glowing letter offering a job to Maurice Stonefrost, director general of the GLC. Hearing that Stonefrost was resigning from his £42,000-a-year post, Lady Porter wrote knowingly: "I was not surprised to read of your plans to resign from the service of the GLC. I can understand only too well the frustrations and embarrassments which you must have suffered... I am sure that the city council would be prepared to negotiate a consultancy with you." Sadly, Lady Porter seemed to be unaware why Stonefrost had resigned - or that after 48 hours he had withdrawn his resignation. County Hall had all ready triumphantly announced that he would be remaining on the staff and, having dropped his title, would therefore be free of any obligation to cooperate with the government.

Honour-bound

The latest hearty welcome being proffered by the GLC to sadomasochists, Valerie Wise, chair of the women's committee, has decided that the boys in black leather should be allowed to use the council's Lesbian and Gay Centre - despite the protests of a group called Lesbians in Education. They wrote to her saying the S & M crowd would put off "black and Jewish lesbians, lesbians with disabilities and lesbian mothers" from using the centre. Ms Wise has written back saying unless there is clear evidence that the S & M group promotes "racist, sexist or homophobic practices", her hands - so to speak - are tied.

Spotted in the Bristol Evening Post: "The innocents sitting inside a coach parked at Marlborough the other night could not work out why people kept stopping and staring at them. Some artistic wag had scripted a neat sign bearing the message: 'BBC Governors' Annual Outing', and stuck it in the front window."

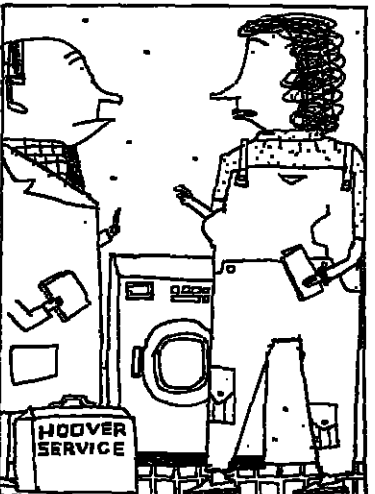
Seat of learning

Winning our fourth bottle of champagne for stories about the famous in their pre-famous state is a reader who does not wish to be named, offering this anecdote about Nobel prizewinner William Golding. "During World War Two, Golding was a chubby but shy navy sub-lieutenant temporarily attached to a secret research establishment in Buckinghamshire, where underwater weapons and explosives were being tested. He had been cautioned against carrying electric detonators and batteries together. The precaution, sadly, was forgotten by Golding one day, however, as he jogged down to the firing range with both items in his trouser pocket - leading to an explosion that blew an exceedingly large hole in his backside."

Red herring

A diplomatic row has broken out between the three Nordic prime ministers. The conflict concerns a heavy-handed attempt by Sweden's Socialist leader, Olof Palme, to influence the United Nations choice of a successor to Poul Hartling, Danes, as High Commissioner for Refugees. Norway has already nominated its UN ambassador, Tom Vraalsen, counting on support from its Nordic neighbours. But now the Swedish defence minister, Anders Thunberg, has announced his interest in the \$150,000 tax-free job. Palme has apparently intimidated at the UN that Vraalsen is "not sufficiently heavyweight" for the post. Norway's prime minister, Kåre Willoch, is said to be "deeply irritated" by this intervention - as is Poul Schluter, the Danish premier. Now Hartling has announced that he may continue in the job after all - a move which may have been influenced by Schluter.

BARRY FANTONI



"While you're here, I wonder if you'd take a look at the clutch on my CS?"

Colour scheme

The Edinburgh Festival is having problems striking the right balance between high art and populism. With only one outlying community group taking up festival director Frank Dunlop's offer of cheap tickets, the Royal Scottish Academy was so desperate to attract crowds that it chose comic Ronnie Corbett to open its "Colour Since Matisse" exhibition. In contrast, Monday night's recital at the National Gallery insisted on black tie, leaving fringe president Jonathan Miller skulking in his usual shabby tweed jacket.

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Looking for the wrong Reagan

by Norman Podhoretz

Bitterly disappointed by the conciliatory way in which Ronald Reagan has been dealing with the Soviet Union and anti-American terrorists, some of his most loyal conservative followers have launched a campaign to force the resignation of George Shultz as secretary of state.

Why Shultz? Because, Congressman Vin Weber of Minnesota explains, Shultz "has so preempted decision-making on foreign policy [that] his sins have been transferred to the president."

This is not the first time conservatives, particularly those associated with the new right, have tried to relieve Reagan of responsibility for his administration's foreign policy. About four years ago, under the slogan "let Reagan be Reagan", many of the same people mounted a similar campaign against his predecessor, Alexander Haig. When Haig finally left, and Reagan had still not become Reagan, the conservatives found a substitute scapegoat: the White House team of James Baker and Michael Deaver (who, ironically, had taken the lead in forcing Haig out).

Now that Baker-Deaver, as they came collectively to be known, are no longer in the White House,

Reagan looks less like Reagan than ever. In their hearts, many conservatives think the real culprit has always been Nancy Reagan, but they can hardly go after her. So the full force of conservative wrath has fallen on Shultz.

It is easy to understand why conservatives should wish to let the president himself off the hook. For one thing, attacking him directly might deprive them of such influence in the White House as they still have. But there is probably also the deeper fear that if even Reagan cannot put conservative principles into action, perhaps the liberals are right in claiming that it cannot be done. Better then to believe that cunning subordinates are "undermining" the president's foreign policy than to entertain the horrible suspicion that it is being defeated by the liberals have been crowing, by "treason."

There is, however, an alternative explanation for the discrepancy between the president's forceful statements and his cautious policies. It is that in Ronald Reagan we are dealing with a case of mistaken identity.

When conservatives cry "let Reagan be Reagan", they are telling us that the real Reagan is an ideologue, that his ruling passion is to serve a set of ideas. But his public record tells us that fundamentally Reagan is less an ideologue than a politician - a creature whose ruling passion is to win.

The ideologue, at his extreme, will, as the Latin adage has it, let the world perish if that is what it takes for justice to prevail, while the politician, at his extreme, will betray anyone or anything so that he himself should survive.

In contrast to the general run of politicians, Reagan seems to have a few strong convictions, yet he has invariably backed away from acting on them whenever they have threatened to cost him more political approval than he might gain by taking and trimming.

Three vivid cases in point are his refusal to use serious economic pressure to support Solidarity in Poland; his decisions not to retaliate after the attack on the marine barracks in Beirut or the hijacking of TWA flight 847; and the moves he is now making towards a restoration of

détente (under a different name, to be sure) with the Soviet Union.

More revealing still, when Reagan was presented with the choice in 1984 of winning very big against Walter Mondale by fudging the issues, or winning a little less big but with a clear mandate for a "Reaganite" foreign policy in the second term, he went all out for the ambiguous landslide. Let the ideas perish, but let the politician triumph.

The pity is that throughout his presidency, Reagan could almost certainly have gone much further in the direction of "Reaganite" principle without paying too high a price in popularity. On a few occasions, especially the two cases of terrorism against the US in the Middle East, he might even have increased his popularity by being the Reagan the conservatives think he is. But then he would not have been the Reagan he really is.

It is the real Reagan who has set the character of his own administration. That is why nothing much would change in American foreign policy even if the conservatives succeeded in forcing Shultz out, no matter who replaced him as secretary of state.

The author is editor of Commentary.

Ian Wray on why planning policy could boost an economic revival

Will the North ever rise again? High technology is passing Britain's old industrial areas by. Science and innovation belong to the South. The North-South economic gap will worsen.

Where, in the 10 years to 1978, were the innovations made, the new products developed? The table shows the South head and shoulders above other regions.

The story is the same for the percentage of plants producing new or improved products between 1972 and 1977 in scientific instruments, machine tools and electronic components. In the South-east, 88 per cent of plants introduced a new or improved product, compared with 43 per cent in the North.

The explanation is as simple as it is profound: applied research in Britain is heavily concentrated in southern England. A recent survey found that plants in the South-east had an average of 21.2 persons employed in research and development, compared with 9.7 in the North.

The implications for future growth are even more important than for present unemployment. Southern England not only has a large concentration of skilled research staff and technologists, which makes it a highly attractive area for investment from abroad, but its manufacturing plants are much more likely to expand because they are supported by a strong research and development effort. Additionally, it provides a favourable environment for the growth of new small firms in high technology, which tend to be started by talented entrepreneurs leaving large organizations.

These are the factors which underlie the anecdotal evidence about the emergence of high technology industry along the M4 corridor, and to developments around Cambridge, where it is estimated that some 300 new high technology companies have been established in the past 10 years.

In theory, the growth of new industry in southern England could be the motor of national economic recovery in the 1980s, just as it was in the 1930s. The problem is that although the South has an enormous potential for recovery, that potential is being held back by a constraint which did not exist in the laissez-faire 1930s: land shortage.

If growth is to occur, it must be accompanied by the development of new housing, schools, offices, and industrial areas. Yet it seems

Give new industry room to breathe

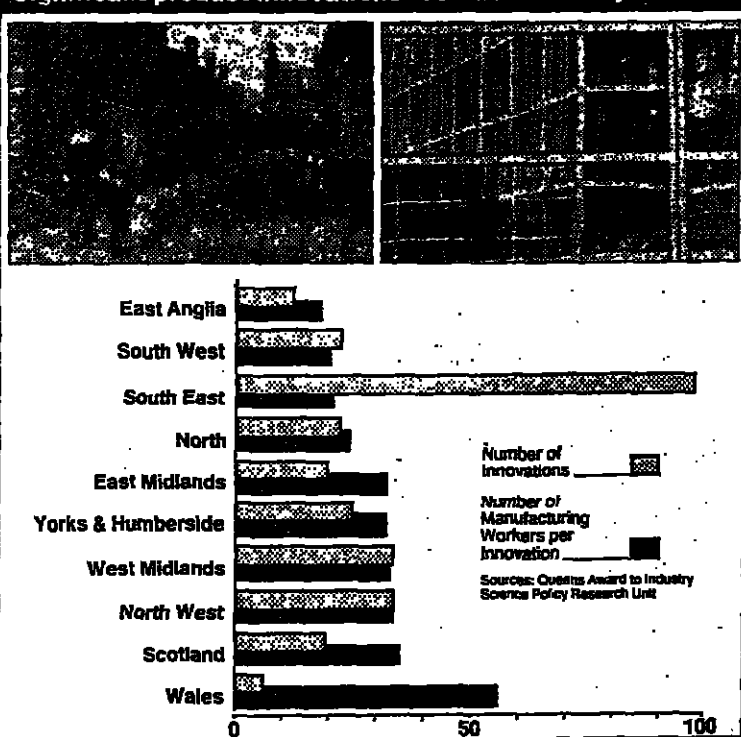
doubtful whether the planning system will allow this to happen. The most recent Department of the Environment forecasts, published in March, indicate that by 1991 there will be some 720,000 more houses in the South-east than in 1981. But forecasts produced by Serplan (the London and South East Regional Planning Conference) indicate that plans will only allow 600,000 new houses to be built over the same period, compared with 750,000 in the 1970s. On the face of it there will be a planned shortage of 120,000 houses in the South-east, even on a conservative estimate.

The effects are easy to predict, and some are already being experienced. Prices will rise and lower income groups will be priced out of

the market. Sites with planning consent for housing have already seen their values rise to £500,000 an acre in London, and it is now estimated that 40 per cent of the price of a new house is accounted for in land values. In counties like Berkshire a single building plot can fetch £20,000 to £30,000, and in Cambridge the House Builders' Federation estimates that the available land for housing will be used up in three years.

An endless succession of planning appeals and inquiries are being generated as developers try to win the land they need on appeal. The recent announcement of proposals for "private enterprise towns" by a consortium of house builders is just one example.

Significant product innovations in British industry 1968-78



Starving Wollo: an empty excuse

Paul Valley reveals disturbing evidence of a deliberate attempt by the Ethiopian government to keep some of its people hungry

Something odd is going on in the distribution of food aid in Ethiopia: something more odd than usual, that is.

It is not just that the Soviet-backed Ethiopian army has recently acquired - "as a loan" - 4,500 tons of grain from the international aid stocks, although the boldness of the move has angered senior United Nations officials. It is not just that well-informed international observers in Addis Ababa are again certain that the government's huge grain warehouses at Nazareth are once more full of food which the Dergue is refusing to distribute.

It is not even that western relief workers and diplomats in the field are increasingly subjected to hindrances bordering on downright obstruction by a regime which, although it is unable or unwilling to feed almost nine million of its subjects, is nonetheless determined to prove that it still calls the shots. All of these factors have become commonplace.

What is new in Ethiopia is a systematic attempt to deprive food the region most severely affected by the present famine. It coincides with a programme to close down most of the big refugee camps in the area and send their occupants back to their empty fields to await the outcome of a harvest which already looks unpromising.

Wollo, the province which contains camps like Harbo, Bati, Kobbo, Boria and Korem - the setting for the BBC television film which awakened the conscience of the world to the African famine last October. Yet today Wollo is receiving less than a quarter of the food it needs. Meanwhile grain is stockpiling in other regions on the borders of guerrilla-held areas, where the government is trying to win hearts and minds, or where hundreds of thousands of peasants have been moved under Colonel Mengistu's controversial resettlement scheme.

An internal report from the Ethiopian government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, recently smuggled out of Ethiopia, shows that in the first four months

of the year fewer than 9,000 tons of grain were distributed in Wollo every month; the same document estimates that the region needed 35,000 a month. Senior aid workers who have recently returned from Ethiopia claim that the situation has not changed of 228,000 tons needed over the last six months only 70,000 have been given out.

"There is a strong feeling here of a serious scandal. The huge stocks are unusable," says a field report from a visiting inspector from one of Britain's leading agencies. Initially the Dergue explained away the problem on the grounds of transport difficulties. But a joint Oxfam/Save the Children Fund fleet went for two months without being given any grain to move.

"The pattern that emerges is quite clear. Huge quantities of grain have gone to the resettlement programme or are held in stock. Wollo continues to suffer... The general view is that the government is not interested in Wollo. It is either appalling neglect or deliberate maltreatment."

The policy of the West's largest donor, the United States, is a significant factor in the problems of the region. Unhappy at the prospect of the Marxist government controlling massive US aid donations, the Americans have set up their own parallel distribution network through which they send food direct to the major US charities. But all these organizations have set up their main operations in what might be called insecure areas.

This year, it was estimated, Ethiopia needed 1.5 million tons of food aid. In the first six months it has received 740,000 tons, roughly

Food distribution within Ethiopia by government, in metric tonnes

Area	Jan	Feb	March	April	Total
Wollo	8,458	8,813	8,843	8,882	32,996
Rest of Ethiopia	17,050	18,750	22,414	16,780	75,994
(Excludes Tigray)			4,292	4,314	8,606
Source: United Nations representative within Ethiopian RRC					

are healthy and order them out of the hospital. These officials have gone so far as to order that World Vision nurses take away the nasal cannulae feeding the children whose condition is so weak they cannot take food by mouth.

The report also talks of constant harassment of Irish and American relief workers. The Ethiopians have placed the camp off-limits to all US diplomats. Independent eye-witnesses who have visited the camp recently report that cholera has broken out; the authorities are denying the existence of the disease.

The main difference between now and April is that the Ethiopian authorities are taking greater precautions to hide what is being done, the report comments. This time the action is clearly being taken on the orders of central government. Ethiopian authorities in Inhat are threatening PVOs (private voluntary organizations) with dire retribution if they relate what is happening there. The decision seems certain to cause a massive loss of life.

Senior officials from two separate European relief agencies have been told by the authorities that they intend to close the camp at Korem too. The head of the RRC has been touring for agencies to open a camp in Sekota, a town recently captured from the rebels of the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement. In an attempt to consolidate its hold on the area, which has been in rebel hands for some years, the Dergue plans to move the entire 100,000 population of Korem to Sekota.

"It is crazy," one of the senior relief workers told me. "They cannot get food properly to Korem and now they are talking about moving it to Sekota which is nine hours further along a bad road."

One major British agency is at present discussing a plan to ship in another 20,000 tons of grain a month for Wollo. "If we do so, however, it is quite likely that the RRC will reduce still further its own commitment." If they do not, they acknowledge, then much of the relief effort in Wollo "will continue to be almost a non-event."

Peter Kellner

Not always the best medicine

Have you heard the one about the Irishman who tried to throw himself on the ground? He missed. And what about the judge who asked the Irishman: "Have you got a lawyer to defend you?" The defendant replied: "No, but don't worry, I've got a good few friends on the jury."

No, I don't think Irish jokes are that funny, either. But then, these are not Irish jokes, although they appear in a book published in Cork. The book is called *Englishman Jokes for Irishmen* (The Mercier Press, £11.35). In the two examples above I have simply altered the nationality of the foe.

If the number of times the book has been reprinted is any guide, it is hugely popular in Ireland. The author, Des MacHale, attempts in his introduction to deflect potential critics: "The theme of this book is make jokes - not war. If every bomb thrown and every bullet fired in the last hundred years had been a joke instead, then there might have been a lot less sorrow and senseless killing in these islands. Laughter is an international medium of communication; it is incompatible with hate, war and inhumanity."

I wonder. Try this joke on page 23: "What's the world's thinnest book? The Book of Orderly and Bloodless Post-Colonial English Pullouts". It certainly passes one of the tests of a good gag: it contains an element of truth. But "incompatible with hate, war and inhumanity"? The reverse, surely.

Nor does this joke, three pages later, exude much brotherly love: "An Englishman was standing weeping bitterly at the top of a cliff over which a bus load of Irishmen had just plunged. 'Why are you crying so much?' a policeman asked him. 'There were two empty seats', he replied."

Jokes of that kind, told in isolation, may do little harm. But cumulatively, if they come to be accepted as humorous reflections of underlying truths, they will reinforce stereotypes. Typically, Irish jokes - that is, jokes about Irish people - are populated by coarse, stupid and glib characters. By extension, they imply that those who tell and listen to them belong to a superior breed. Thus: "An Irishman arrived at a cafe with a flask and asked if he could have three cups of tea in it. 'And', he added as an afterthought, 'make it two with sugar and one without'."

As yet, we are supposed to think, what an idiot: how Irish we would never behave so stupidly. (Except that, once again, I have altered the nationality: it's another joke about us from the same book.)

I have no reason to suppose that Des MacHale has any motive other than to turn an honest if chauvinistic penny. Possibly, indeed, he has unwittingly performed a useful service. While books like his can do harm by reinforcing their readers' private prejudices, I do not believe they can create such prejudices where they do not already exist. MacHale has taken us into a bar in Cork, or a club in Dublin, or a playground in Derry, and provided us with a glimpse of what many Irish people really think about us.

We English, it is clear, are a pretty dreadful lot. "How do you know when an Englishman is lying? If his lips are moving." "The English are a race of self-made men - and that relieves the Almighty of a dreadful responsibility."

We are, it seems, a cretinous and dishonest people who despise foreigners in general and the Irish in particular. Much the same could, of course, be made in reverse from an analysis of our jokes about the Irish. But MacHale's book also depicts a number of specifically English characteristics - as filtered through Irish prejudices.

We are, for example, seldom given to sexual passion. "What does an Englishwoman say while making love to her husband? 'Geeeee, the ceiling needs repainting.' " "How can you tell if you are being kissed by a passionate Englishman? He takes the cigarette out of his mouth."

Wealthy Englishmen are especially morose: "First Englishman: 'When my wife's jewellery needs cleaning I employ the most costly cleaner of diamonds in the world.' Second Englishman: 'When my wife's jewellery gets dirty we simply throw it out.' " "How do you recognize an insouciant-conscious upper class Englishman? He's got double glazing in his monocle."

Husbands treat their wives badly: "Englishman: 'Go outside and water the lawn dear.' Irishwoman: 'But it's raining dear.' Englishman: 'Take an umbrella then.' " And so on, through a kaleidoscope of real, imagined and exaggerated defects. But of all our vices the one most frequently portrayed in the book is our loathing of the Irish. One joke insults a variety of nationalities by offering variants on Russian Roulette. In Italian Roulette, the gun has six chambers but no bullets. In Japanese Roulette it has six chambers and six bullets. "Finally, there's English Roulette - six chambers, six bullets, and you put the gun to an Irishman's head."

One of the difficulties about responding to stereotype-jokes is that they mock serious criticism. A few years ago Fleet Street gleefully scorned the Greater London Council for supporting an "Irish in Islington" group, one of whose aims was to challenge stereotypes of the Irish.

Suppose an English in Dublin" group was given local public funds to challenge stereotypes Irish stereotypes about us? The tabloids, I am fairly certain, would compete in their use of superlatives to praise the statesmanship of Garret FitzGerald, the wisdom of the Irish authorities and the burning of rusty hatchets.

Every time a stereotype joke is accepted as justified insult, it denies what ought to be the instinctive truth: that no national group should claim moral superiority over any other, and that each group contains roughly the same proportions of bright and dim, tolerant and bigoted, passionate and frigid people as any other. That is a prosaic and unfunny statement. But, pace Des MacHale, improving Anglo-Irish relations is a prosaic and unfunny business.

The author is political editor of the New Statesman.

Charles Knevitt

Time to show some mutual support

For an industry that is worth more than £24 billion a year, and is responsible for 6 per cent of the gross domestic product - more than twice that of agriculture - building and construction has a remarkably small impact on the public consciousness.

More often than not it is reported as controversy ("monstrous car-buncles"), disaster (Ronan Point) or as celebrity news, such as the Thatcher's decision to buy one of Sir Lawrie Barratt's houses for their retirement.

The days are long gone when middle-income families could afford to commission an architect-designed house, and apart from home improvements few people ever come into contact with the building professions or industry. Does it matter?

Well, yes, it does. The results of the alienation between those involved in building and those who are not are all around us. For the most part they are not a pretty sight. A little more mutual understanding could go a long way to improve matters.

This is why the prospect of a building museum is to be welcomed. Its primary role will be to act as a meeting place not only of minds but of activities between the professions, the industry and the public.

The idea has been around for more than five years - the time it often takes to think up a design, obtain planning permission and start on site. This autumn, however, it will start to become a reality. The project is the work of a group of architects (Theo Crosby, John Partridge, Lady Casson and Sir Philip Dowson among them), Bryan Montgomery of the Building Trades Exhibition, Lord Reilly (formerly of the Design Council), writer Jenny Townsend, George Henderson, an urban leader and publisher Neil Murphy.

The project's aims are educational. As Andrew Westcott, its director, says: "The quality of our surroundings depends on the intelligence and skill of those involved, on enlightened patronage, and on drawing together all the capacities of our time: artists, craftsmen and poets as well as builders, engineers and designers."

At first there were grandiose ideas of emulating the National Building Museum in Washington DC. In 1980 Michael Esekine backed it to the hilt, as Environment Secretary, although he did not produce and

funds. Four months later it was the topic of a conference at the Royal Society of Arts.

Perseverance led to Westcott's appointment last autumn. Now a bid has been put in to the Greater London Council for premises at 18 Wellington Street, in Covent Garden, which would be an ideal location.

Westcott's ambition is to fill the "black hole" in the public's experience and knowledge of building, whether through a photographic guide to front doors, educational kits, for schools, public viewing platforms at construction sites (some of which has already proved very popular) or popularity polls on



South Bank Skyline in 1951: time for an update?

buildings. The project has been working closely with the Building Centre Group and Building Conservation Trust, based at Hampton Court Palace.

The museum's premises will serve as a corner shop for the exchange of information. The first exhibition would be about the refurbishment of the museum itself as a display area, bookshop, meeting room and coffee shop. A 1992 Festival of Britain - remember the South Bank in 1952? - has already been mooted.

Ever since the Prince of Wales spoke up for the "ordinary person" interest has probably never been greater in the physical environment. Certainly the industry is feeling more responsive towards its customers than ever before, a change of heart which can be traced back to the problems brought on by the recession 10 years ago.

An appeal for £100,000 a year will be launched in November to turn the dream of the museum into fact. It is a very small price to pay if it succeeds in raising the general level of understanding.

A copy of this document, which comprises listing particulars with regard to Conrad Holdings PLC given in compliance with The Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984, has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales for registration as required by those Regulations.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the enlarged issued share capital of Conrad Holdings PLC to be admitted to the Official List.

The existing Directors of Conrad Holdings PLC (Conrad Neil Phoenix, William Johnston and Christopher Charles Norris Wynne) are the persons responsible for the information (other than the information relating to the EGC Group) contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of such persons (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information relating to the EGC Group contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Such persons accept responsibility accordingly.

The following Directors of E.G.C. Construction Group Limited (Leonor Charles Rayner, Dennis Staples, Clifford William Edwin Doring, Peter Hugh Doring and William Frank Dylas) are the persons responsible for the information relating to the EGC Group contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of such persons (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information relating to the EGC Group contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Such persons accept responsibility accordingly.

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These listing particulars have been prepared, where appropriate, on the assumptions that (a) the issued share capital of EGC has been acquired by the Company and (b) the Placing has been completed. As at the date of the publication of this document, the Company has not yet completed the Placing and the transactions referred to conditionally in this document are subject to the Company being admitted to the Official List.

Conrad Holdings PLC

(Incorporated in England on 19th January, 1946 under the Companies Act 1929 No. 403412)

Placing by de Zoete & Bevan

of 3,628,430 ordinary shares of 25p each at 70p per share

The shares which are the subject of the Placing rank in full for all dividends and other distributions hereafter declared, paid or made on the ordinary share capital of the Company.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following information should be read in conjunction with the full text of this document:

BUSINESS

The New Group is engaged in the design and manufacture of exhibition stands, the construction of television scenery, the provision of exhibition construction services and high quality joinery and interior contracting, principally for offices and hotels.

TURNOVER AND PROFITS

Set out below are pro forma figures for the New Group for a 12 month period, which have been prepared by combining the results of the Company for the year ended 28th February, 1985 and the results of the EGC Group for the 14 months ended 31st December, 1984 on a time apportioned basis, in each case as set out in the Accountants' Reports contained herein.

	£'000
Turnover	6,968
Adjusted profit before exceptional items and taxation	718
Exceptional items (not time apportioned) (Note)	457
Adjusted profit before taxation	261

Note: Exceptional items comprise principally:

- £150,000 paid and provided for in respect of legal proceedings involving the Company described in paragraph 11(2) of "General Information".
- £260,000 in respect of additional contributions that will be required to be made to the E.G.C. Construction Group Limited Retirement Benefit Scheme following recent increases in salary of certain of the directors of EGC.

PLACING STATISTICS

Placing price	70p
Number of shares in issue following the Placing	5,700,000
Market capitalisation at the Placing price	£3.99 million
Earnings per share before exceptional items:	
(a) assuming a tax rate of 40 per cent.	7.6p
(b) assuming a notional tax rate of 35 per cent.	8.2p
Price earnings ratio at the Placing price based on earnings per share of 8.2p	8.5 times
Assumed dividends per share (net)	3.5p
Cover for assumed dividends based on earnings per share of 7.6p	2.2 times
Gross dividend yield	7.1 per cent.
Adjusted net tangible assets per share	25.6p

HISTORY OF THE COMPANY

The Company was founded in 1946, as Russell Brothers (Paddington) Limited, by the late Mr. E. R. Russell as a general outdressing company. It expanded in the post-war period and moved into the more specialised area of shopfitting, obtaining a quotation on The Stock Exchange in January 1966.

Since 1966 there has been a change of emphasis, from building and traditional shopfitting towards greater involvement in more broadly based interior refurbishment work, the provision of exhibition stands and other high quality display structures.

On 16th December, 1983 Mr. C. N. Phoenix and his family interests acquired approximately 56 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company from the Russell family. At the same time, Mr. Phoenix was appointed Chairman and Mr. W. Johnston became the Company's Managing Director.

On 11th June, 1985 the Company conditionally agreed to acquire the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of EGC for a consideration of £2.6 million to be satisfied by the allotment of ordinary shares of 25p each of the Company.

With effect from 30th June, 1985 the Company transferred the assets and goodwill of its business to Russell Brothers, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as a result of which the Company has become a holding company. On 12th August, 1985 the Company changed its name to Conrad Holdings PLC.

ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW GROUP

Russell Brothers

The business of Russell Brothers is carried on from premises in Paddington, London and consists of exhibition contracting, provision of longer term display equipment and light construction work, such as hotel and office refurbishment and high quality joinery.

Exhibition contracting involves short term contracts, generally of only a few weeks, to construct substantial but temporary stands at exhibitions. Contract values range from under £1,000 to around £100,000. Contracts are carried out at many exhibition venues throughout the country, including Earls Court, Olympia and the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.

The provision of longer term display equipment is of a similar nature to exhibition contracting but the displays tend to run for several months. Important customers include the Victoria & Albert, Imperial War and the Natural History Museums and the Royal Academy. The location of Russell Brothers' premises in central London has given the Company a considerable advantage in the market.

The EGC Group

The EGC Group was formed in 1972 in order to bring under common control four operating companies, namely EGCL, Zircon, Hyper Design and EGC. The principal activities of the EGC Group involve the manufacture of exhibition stands and the construction of television scenery.

EGCL

Since it began trading in 1946 EGCL has specialised in the manufacture of display stands and other structures for trade fairs and exhibitions. EGCL has always regarded itself as providing a service rather than simply operating as a manufacturer and has built up its reputation by the high quality of its work for major exhibitors. The exhibition contracting and commercial display activities are closely linked with display advertising, which has become more specialised over recent years as exhibitors have required more elaborate displays. EGCL carries out exhibition and standfitting service in the United Kingdom for many substantial companies.

In 1980 EGCL entered a design competition run by the Corporation of the City of London which was placing a contract to provide the Barbican Exhibition Centre with a permanent flexible shell scheme capable of being used at all exhibitions. The EGCL design was selected from 8 entrants and an agreement to act as official shell scheme contractor to the Barbican Exhibition Centre was awarded for 3 years from November 1981.

The retail Barbican contract has now been renewed to run for a further term of 5 years from 1st January, 1986. EGCL has benefited from the experience of the Barbican Exhibition Centre and the regular flow of work from this source permits it to plan the more efficient running of its manufacturing facilities.

Zircon

Zircon was incorporated in 1966 to produce fabricated metal work and light tubular constructions for use in exhibitions and shopfitting. This was a response to the growth in demand for lighter, stronger metal structures and the decline in popularity of traditional hardwood and blockboard materials which involve greater fire hazards.

In 1968 Zircon was awarded a contract by the BBC to provide light metal structures to be used as backing sets and scenery in light entertainment productions. The contract has continued for 17 years with periodic renewals and is now reviewed on an annual basis, the next renegotiation being due on 1st September, 1985. Programmes in which Zircon's scenery is currently being used include "Top of the Pops", "Saturday Night Takeaway", "Julia Brown" and "The Paul Daniels Magic Show". The volume of work contracted in the early 1970's when the contract was extended to cover the production of drama series and the supply of scenery requirements for the Open University. In 1971 Zircon acquired a 21-year lease on premises in Brunel Road, London W3, located near the BBC Television Centre at Wood Lane.

It is believed that Zircon is one of only two scenery contractors with which the BBC has such annual contracts. The contract accounted for over 80 per cent. of Zircon's turnover in the 14 month period to 31st December, 1984.

Zircon also constructs light entertainment scenery for some independent television companies and continues to supply the exhibition and shopfitting industries.

Hyper Design

Hyper Design was incorporated in 1971 and provides design and consultancy services, mainly to the exhibition industry. Its principal objective is to provide a comprehensive service to clients of EGCL who require advice on the design and construction of major exhibition stands. It also assists EGCL in the solution of design-related problems which may occur during the construction of such stands.

EGC

EGC was incorporated in 1972 to diversify from the exhibition and standfitting business into shopfitting. In 1980 EGC disposed of the manufacturing side of its business and has since concentrated on interior refurbishment contracting, its role usually being to supervise work performed by subcontractors who nominate.

DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

Directors

The Board of the Company comprises:

Conrad Neil Phoenix, FRICS, aged 41, who has been the non-executive Chairman of the Company since December, 1983. He has a number of private interests mainly in industrial and shop property development and investment.

William Johnston, aged 40, who has been Managing Director of the Company since December, 1983 and will have overall responsibility for the financial control and strategic planning of the New Group. A former Chief Executive of County Bank Limited, he is a non-executive Director of Mertonbank PLC as well as of a number of private companies. He intends to devote substantially the whole of his time to the business of the New Group.

Christopher Charles Norris Wynne, FCA, aged 40, who has been a non-executive Director of the Company since June, 1984. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1967 and was responsible for introducing new financial management systems at the Company. He has a number of private interests.

SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised	Issued and fully paid up
£1,850,000	£1,425,000
In ordinary shares of 25p each	

INDEBTEDNESS

At the close of business on 1st August, 1985 the companies comprising the New Group had outstanding £357,382 secured loans and £34,750 hire purchase commitments.

Save as aforesaid, at the close of business on that date the companies comprising the New Group had no loan capital outstanding, or created but unissued, and no outstanding term loans, mortgages, charges, borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowing, including bank overdrafts and liabilities under acceptances (other than normal trade bills) or acceptance credits, hire purchase commitments, guarantees or other material contingent liabilities.

DEFINITIONS

In this document, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"the Company"	Conrad Holdings PLC (formerly Russell Brothers (Paddington) Public Limited Company)
"Russell Brothers"	Russell Brothers (Paddington) Limited, which carries on the trade formerly carried on by the Company
"EGC"	E.G.C. Construction Group Limited
"the EGC Group"	EGC and its subsidiaries
"the New Group"	Conrad Holdings PLC and its subsidiaries, including the EGC Group
"New Shares"	ordinary shares of 25p each of the Company allotted in connection with the acquisition of EGC and the Placing
"the Placing"	the placing by de Zoete & Bevan of a total of 3,628,430 ordinary shares of 25p each of the Company, comprising 3,082,715 of the 3,714,285 New Shares to be allotted to the vendors of EGC and 545,715 New Shares to be placed for the benefit of the Company
"EGCL"	E.G.C. Limited, a subsidiary of EGC
"Zircon"	Zircon Metal Limited, a subsidiary of EGC
"Hyper Design"	Hyper Design Consultants Limited, a subsidiary of EGC
"EGCI"	E.G.C. Interiors Limited, a subsidiary of EGC

It is proposed that the following will join the Board shortly after completion of the acquisition of EGC:

Dennis Staples, aged 57, who has spent the majority of his working life in the exhibition contracting industry and was appointed Managing Director of EGCL in 1972. He is responsible for the co-ordination of the marketing, manufacturing and administration of EGC, keeping personal contact with all large customers and the Barbican Exhibition Centre.

William Dylas, ACMA, aged 49, who has been responsible in his eleven years of service with the EGC Group for the establishment and supervision of the EGC Group's accounting, financial and control procedures. He will carry the overall responsibility for the New Group's accounting system.

Leonard Rayner, aged 59, who is the Managing Director of EGC and was until recently Managing Director of Zircon. He intends to retire from his position as Managing Director of EGC at the end of October, 1985 and will become a non-executive Director of the Company.

Senior Management

Russell Brothers

Raymond Henry Eyles, aged 51, has worked for the Company for 16 years and is responsible for all aspects of Russell Brothers' exhibition and display business as well as supervision of all manufacturing facilities.

Douglas Verth, aged 62, has worked for the Company since 1946 and devotes his time exclusively to non-executive activities. He will be actively involved in the integration of the interior refurbishment activities of Russell Brothers and EGCL. On the basis of medical advice Mr. Verth will retire at the end of 1985.

The EGC Group

Each of the persons named below has a service contract with EGC terminable on 12 months' notice by either party expiring not earlier than 1st November, 1986:

Clifford William Edwin Doring, aged 55, is a Director of EGC and Managing Director of EGCL. He maintains personal contact with all the clients of EGC and is closely involved in all aspects of its business.

Peter Hugh Doring, aged 46, qualified in interior and exhibition design at the London Central School of Art and Design and worked for several design practices before joining EGCL in 1965. He is now Managing Director of Hyper Design responsible for all aspects of its work.

Neal Gannon, aged 40, joined Zircon in 1985. He was appointed Managing Director in succession to Mr. Rayner earlier this year and his responsibilities include direct supervision of the BBC contract.

Robert William Jenkins, aged 65, joined EGCL in 1964. As Works Director his role is to co-ordinate all factory operations, ensuring quality and efficiency, negotiating with trade unions, planning future workloads and estimating contracts.

Other EGC Management

Douglas Davies, aged 37, has been responsible as Sales Manager since 1982 for EGCL's marketing and sales and has been successful in obtaining a number of new clients as well as serving existing clients.

Peter Pryor, aged 38, is the chief estimator of EGCL, a function which involves the pricing of contracts based on designs supplied to him and requires personal contact with customers during the construction phase.

Charles Myers, aged 56, is the EGC's works manager and is closely involved in the supervision of factory production levels, with responsibility to the Works Director. He also acts as EGCL's buyer.

Employees

The average numbers of employees of the Company in each of the last three years were as follows:

	1983	1984	1985
Office and management	17	18	17
Production	58	56	61
	75	74	78

The average numbers of employees of the EGC Group in each of the last three financial periods were as follows:

	Years ended 31st October, 1983	1984	14 months ended 31st December, 1984
Office and management	25	26	25
Production	116	124	124
	141	150	149

The New Group will have approximately 210 employees, most of whom belong to the appropriate craft trade unions; labour relations are good. Both the Company and EGCL are members of the British Exhibition Contractors Association which, through the National Joint Council for the Exhibition Industry, negotiates nationally binding annual wage agreements with the relevant unions. Zircon negotiates annual agreements with the union to which its staff belong.

The incentives offered by the proposed share option scheme and the higher public profile associated with a Stock Exchange listing will assist the New Group in its objective of recruiting the best employees available.

TURNOVER AND PROFIT RECORD

The Company

The following table sets out the turnover and results before tax of the Company for the last five accounting periods as shown in the Accountants' Report contained herein:

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Turnover	£700	£700	£700	£700	£700
Profit/(loss) before tax	33	1,206	1,369	1,422	2,013
		(80)	(148)	(185)	(80)

The Company's turnover for the three accounting periods ended 28th February, 1985 may be analysed as follows:

	1983	1984	1985
Exhibition contracting and display work	£700	£700	£700
Permanent works	503	1,083	1,284
	519	500	673
	1,422	2,013	1,957

DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

Directors

Conrad Neil Phoenix FRICS (non-executive) (Chairman)
William Johnston (Managing Director)
Christopher Charles Norris Wynne FCA (non-executive)
all of 24 Fitzroy Square, London W1P 5HJ

Prospective Directors*

Dennis Staples
William Frank Dylas ACMA
both of 26-32 Voltaire Road, London SW4 6DU
Leonard Charles Rayner
of 2-6 Brunel Road, London W3 7XR

Secretary and Registered Office

Christopher Charles Norris Wynne FCA
24 Fitzroy Square, London W1P 5HJ

Principal Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
220 Ealing Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 4QH
and
188 Clapham High Street, London SW4 7UF
National Westminster Bank PLC,
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de Zoete & Bevan
25 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7EE
and The Stock Exchange

Solicitors to the Company

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10 Norwich Street, London EC4A 1BD

Solicitors to the EGC Group

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Solicitors to the Placing

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Reporting Accountants on the EGC Group

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Reporting Accountants on the EGC Group

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Registrars and Transfer Office

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*Note: It is intended that these persons will join the Board of the Company shortly after the completion of the acquisition of EGC, in the case of Mr L C Rayner as a non-executive director.

The EGC Group

The following table sets out the turnover and results before tax of the EGC Group for the last five accounting periods as shown in the Accountants' Report contained herein:

	1980	1981	1982	1983	14 months ended 31st December, 1984
Turnover	£700	£700	£700	£700	£700
Profit before tax	2,781	2,856	3,415	4,437	5,846
	125	39	253	277	445

The EGC Group's turnover for the last three accounting periods may be analysed as follows:

	Years ended 31st October, 1983	1984	14 months ended 31st December, 1984
EGCL	£700	£700	£700
Barbican related	740	1,190	1,235
Other	1,175	1,477	2,584
Zircon	1,102	1,077	1,399
BBC	183	209	274
Hyper Design	181	408	285
EGC	3,415	4,437	5,846

The New Group

Set out below are pro forma figures for a 12 month period for the New Group. These have been prepared by combining the results of the Company for the year ended 28th February, 1985 and the results of the EGC Group for the 14 months ended 31st December, 1984 on a time apportioned basis, which is considered to be the most appropriate treatment, in each case as set out in the Accountants' Reports on the Company and on the EGC Group contained herein.

	£'000
Turnover	6,968
Adjusted profit before exceptional items and taxation	718
Exceptional items (not time apportioned) (Note)	457
Adjusted profit before taxation	261

Note: Exceptional items comprise principally:

- £150,000 paid and provided for in respect of legal proceedings involving the Company described in paragraph 11(2) of "General Information"; and
- £260,000 in respect of additional contributions that will be required to be made to the E.G.C. Construction Group Limited Retirement Benefit Scheme following recent increases in salary of certain of the directors of EGC. This provision is based on an estimate of the underfunding resulting from these increases made by the EGC Group's insurance broker, Douglas Hayden & Company Limited. The vendors of EGC have agreed that to the extent that such additional contributions shall be insufficient to enable the full pension entitlements of the members of the Scheme to be met, the vendors' pension entitlements will be abated accordingly.

A substantial part of the New Group's activities is represented by exhibition contracting, which by its nature does not give rise to a long order book. This is particularly so during the summer months when, traditionally, fewer exhibitions are held. In the context of the New Group overall, turnover so far this year has been satisfactory, although the Company's turnover in the quarter was lower than in the corresponding period last year and that of the EGC Group was also marginally lower; however, the EGC Group's turnover in the six months to June 1984 benefited from a large exhibition in the Outlook for the British Telecom privatisation. It is anticipated that the current seasonal lull will give way to improved trading conditions in the autumn and in particular the prospect of an increase in activity at the Barbican Exhibition Centre is encouraging.

LISTINGS

At the request of the Directors, the Council of The Stock Exchange suspended the listing of the Company's ordinary shares on 11th March, 1985. In view of the substantial nature of the acquisition of EGC in relation to the size of the Company, the listing remained suspended pending the approval of the acquisition by the Company's shareholders. On 6th March, 1986 the last trading day before the suspension, the middle market quotation of the ordinary shares, derived from The Stock Exchange Daily Official List, was 65p per share.

Application has been made for the whole of the issued share capital of the Company following the Placing, amounting to 5,700,000 ordinary shares of 25p each, to be admitted to the Official List. Dealings in the Company's shares are expected to commence on 10th August, 1985.

PLACING

Conditionally on the Company's shares being admitted to the Official List, 3,628,430 ordinary shares are being placed by de Zoete & Bevan at a price of 70p per share. Of these, 3,082,715 are being sold by the vendors of EGC, who following the Placing of the Company, The net proceeds of the issue, after estimated expenses of £222,000, will amount to £1,860,000 and will be used to supplement the New Group's working capital. Further details of the Placing arrangements are set out in paragraph 7(2) of "General Information".

DIVIDENDS

Conrad Holdings PLC - continued

PROSPECTS

The underlying businesses of the companies forming the New Group are long established, in recent years the market for the activities in which they are engaged has expanded considerably as indicated by the increased size of the annual expenditure on exhibitions on trade and consumer exhibitions published this year. This survey revealed that total annual expenditure by UK exhibitors in 1983 the latest year for which figures are available. The New Group will be well placed to exploit this market, not only in its existing areas of activity but also in new but related fields into which the New Group intends to move.

A major element in the New Group's existing exhibition business is the contract with the Barbican Exhibition Centre. The area of EGC's stall space has risen from 35,537 square metres in the year to 31st October, 1982, to 56,888 square metres in the following year and to 73,854 square metres in the 14 months ended 31st December, 1984. An advantage of the Barbican order book, with customers frequently providing only three to five weeks' notice of their requirements. As a result, planning of the growth of the exhibition market, in particular, the Directors feel that there is potential for development of the business of exhibition engineering. As a larger and more broadly based public company, the Company will be better placed to make acquisitions in this area and related fields, such as exhibition engineering and exhibition system building, although no specific targets have been identified.

The Directors intend that the New Group should develop its scope of activities to enable it to exploit to greater advantage the growth of the exhibition market. In particular, the Directors feel that there is potential for development of the business of exhibition engineering. As a larger and more broadly based public company, the Company will be better placed to make acquisitions in this area and related fields, such as exhibition engineering and exhibition system building, although no specific targets have been identified.

The Directors attach importance to the continued development of the high quality joinery work and specialist skills used in the various museums and galleries for which work is already carried out.

It is proposed that the New Group's design consultancy service will be expanded beyond exhibition stand design into the area of general interior design. The interior refurbishment activities of EGC will be merged with those of Russell Brothers and London area.

Thus, the Directors consider that, from its well-established position in the expanding exhibition industry, the New Group can respond with imagination and flexibility to the opportunities which are open to it.

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON THE COMPANY

The following is a copy of a report by Pannell Kerr Forster, Chartered Accountants, the reporting accountants on the Company.

The Directors
Russell Brothers (Paddington) Public Limited Company
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New Garden House
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18th July, 1985

Russell Brothers (Paddington) Public Limited Company ("the Company")

We have examined the audited financial statements of Russell Brothers (Paddington) Public Limited Company for the five years ended 28th February, 1985.

The Company was incorporated under the name of Russell Brothers (Paddington) Limited and obtained a listing on the Stock Exchange on 12th January, 1983. During the year to 28th February, 1982 the Company's name was changed to Russell Brothers (Paddington) Public Limited Company.

The financial information presented below is based on the audited financial statements of the Company after making such adjustments as we consider appropriate.

In our opinion, the financial information shown below gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of each of the five years reported upon and of the losses and source and application of funds for each of those years on a consistent basis.

No financial statements have been prepared and audited for any period subsequent to 28th February, 1985.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting Convention

The financial information has been prepared under the historical cost convention with the modification that leasehold premises are stated at valuation.

(b) Turnover

The turnover comprises completed contracts invoiced during the year, net of value added tax.

(c) Fixed Assets

The rates of depreciation are such that the assets are written off over their anticipated useful lives.

The annual rates based on original cost, are as follows:-

Plant and machinery 10%
Furniture, fixtures and fittings 10%
Motor vehicles 20%

The Company's leasehold premises were revalued by Messrs. Harman Hasby & Co., 14, Roger Street, London W.C.1, surveyors and valuers, on 22nd June, 1983 on an open market existing use basis. This revaluation has been incorporated in the financial information and depreciation provided from that date at the rate of 2.5% per annum.

(d) Stocks

Basic valuation

(i) Work-in-progress Direct cost excluding administrative overheads and profit

(ii) Stock-in-trade Lower of cost and net realisable value

(iii) Loose plant and tools Written off by equal instalments over five years

Any foreseeable losses on contracts in progress are provided for full.

(e) Deferred Taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation in respect of accelerated capital allowances and other timing differences to the extent that the Directors consider an actual liability will become payable in the foreseeable future. No provision is made for any taxation which might become payable on disposal of leasehold premises at revalued amounts.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS

	Notes	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000	1985 £'000
TURNOVER		1,708	1,258	1,422	2,013	1,857
Cost of sales		(1,458)	(1,178)	(1,198)	(1,758)	(1,594)
GROSS PROFIT		250	80	224	255	263
Administrative expenses	(1)	(214)	(220)	(225)	(244)	(253)
OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		36	(40)	(1)	11	10
Exceptional items	(2)	—	—	—	(147)	(150)
PROFIT (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		36	(40)	(1)	(136)	(140)
Taxation	(3)	(71)	(8)	(18)	(4)	(8)
PROFIT (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		(35)	(48)	(19)	(140)	(148)
Extraordinary items	(4)	—	—	—	(182)	(80)
PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		(35)	(48)	(19)	(222)	(228)
Dividends	(5)	—	—	—	13	5
LOSSES PUT TO RESERVES		(35)	(48)	(19)	(209)	(233)
EARNINGS (DEFICIT) PER 25p ORDINARY SHARE	(6)	1.57p	(8.08p)	(1.88p)	(13.30p)	(5.58p)

NOTES TO THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Administrative expenses include:-

Directors' remuneration 42 44 47 45 37

Depreciation 10 8 8 12 14

Auditors' remuneration 5 5 5 5 7

Interest payable 2 2 2 2 4

and are after deducting:-

Interest receivable 21 15 8 2 1

(2) EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Exceptional items comprise losses relating to contracts completed in earlier years, which losses were unforeseeable at the time, and costs of and settlement paid in relation to legal proceedings.

Cost of settlement 147 110

Legal and professional costs of proceedings 147 110

Losses on contracts 147 110

(3) TAXATION

The taxation charge represents advance corporation tax not immediately recoverable.

(4) EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

Legal and professional fees incurred by the Company and sundry costs in respect of the offer for the Company's issued share capital

Receipt in respect of disposal of rights over surplus land

(5) DIVIDENDS

Total dividend 35 27 19 9 9

Waved 11 9 6 2 2

Payable 24 18 13 8 7

Rate of dividend 10.8% 15% 10% 2.5% 2.5%

Dividend per share 4.87p 3.75p 2.50p 0.83p 0.83p

The rate of dividend relates to the issued share capital at the end of each year as does the dividend per share.

(6) EARNINGS (DEFICIT) PER SHARE

The calculations of earnings and deficits per share are based on the profit or loss after taxation and before extraordinary items for each year and assume that 1,440,000 ordinary shares of 25p each have been in issue throughout the period reported upon.

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Injunction to protect published secrets

Speed Seal Products Ltd
Paddington and Another
Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord
Justice Lloyd and Sir George Waller
(Judgment delivered July 31)

The fact that confidential information had already been published was not necessarily a ground for refusing an injunction to protect the interests of the person to whom the obligation of confidence was owed.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing one party, who dismissed the other, on an appeal by the plaintiffs, Speed Seal Products Ltd, against a judgment of Mr Justice Price, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, in favour of the defendants, Mr Arthur Loftus, Paddington and Sawlow Engineering Ltd.

Mr C. A. Brodie, QC, and Mr Geoffrey Hobbie, for the plaintiffs; Mr Alastair J. D. Wilson, for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the appeal raised two issues: (i) whether the plaintiffs' claim for an injunction should be struck out and (ii) whether the defendants should be given leave to amend their pleading by adding a counterclaim in the form of a draft which was before the court. The deputy judge decided in favour of the defendants on both issues.

The action was concerned with information relating to couplings for use on pipes at oil rigs and oil jetties. The information was alleged by the plaintiffs to be confidential information of theirs. The first defendant was Mr Paddington, an engineer. The second defendant was a company controlled by him.

Mr Paddington formerly worked for the plaintiffs as a member of its coupling design committee from February 16, 1981 to October 4, 1981, under an agreement made on February 10, 1981.

The plaintiffs claimed an injunction to restrain the defendants from, *inter alia*, using or communicating to any other person information confidential to the plaintiffs concerning the design of any coupling designed by them by any member of the coupling design committee between February 10, 1981 and October 4, 1981.

It was not in dispute that the alleged confidential information had indeed been published to the world by the defendants or one of them.

It was pleaded in the statement of claim that it was an express or, alternatively, an implied term of the agreement between the plaintiffs and Mr Paddington that he would not use for his own benefit or that of any other person any information confidential to the plaintiffs and acquired in the course of carrying out his duties to the committee.

Further the plaintiffs had not

themselves published the idea in question. The publication was by Mr Paddington and, for the purpose of the present application, the publication must be assumed to be wrongful.

On the facts as pleaded, it appeared that there was no dispute that the plaintiffs must be entitled to damages. It was said, however, that no injunction could be granted.

It was said that an injunction was protection. Whether a plaintiff, in circumstances such as the present, needed protection might depend upon the state of the market.

If, for example, the only traders were the plaintiff and the defendant it might be a matter of continuing importance to the plaintiff that the defendant should not continue to get the benefit of the wrongdoing.

If on the other hand the publication had opened a market with a large number of traders, the elimination of one trader, the defendant, might not be of consequence.

The precise facts regarding the state of the trade would not be established until the trial. The deputy judge was of the opinion that the plaintiffs would not succeed in obtaining an injunction at the trial. But that was not the claim for an injunction should be struck out.

Until all the material facts relating to the case had been found the court could not say whether an injunction would be appropriate or not.

It might be that in the end no injunction should be granted but it was dangerous to decide upon an interlocutory application when the court did not know the facts. The order striking out the claim for an injunction should be discharged.

The proposed counterclaim asserted that the action was brought in bad faith for the ulterior motive of damaging the defendant's business and not for the protection of any legitimate interest of the plaintiffs.

It seemed that if the allegations of fact pleaded in the draft counterclaim were established at the trial the defendant in *Granger v Hill* (1838) 4 Bingham (NC) 212 provided a basis for an arguable case that there had been an actionable abuse of the process of the court.

It was enough to say that a sufficiently arguable case had been demonstrated to justify giving leave to amend the defence by adding a counterclaim as asked. It would be open to the defendants to support it by arguments as might be available whether based on *Granger v Hill* or not.

His Lordship would, therefore, dismiss the appeal on that aspect of the case.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD and Sir George Waller agreed.

Solicitors: Broomheads, Sheffield; Furley, Page, Fielding & Pembroke, Canterbury.

Deductions from pay were not against Truck Act

Bristol v City Petroleum Ltd
Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Beldam
(Judgment delivered July 30)

An employer who made deductions from a workman's wages was not guilty of an offence under section 1 (2) of the Truck Act 1896 unless the deductions were in the nature of a financial penalty and the conditions prescribed in section 1 (2) were satisfied.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing Michael Bristol's appeal against the decision of Brentford Justices that his former employers, City Petroleum Ltd, were not guilty of an offence under section 1 (2) of the Truck Act 1896 in making deductions from his wages because the deductions were not imposed as a financial penalty.

Mr R G B Allen for the employee; Mr Brian Langstaff for the employers.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, giving the judgment of the court, said that the employee owned a self-service petrol station at which the employee was engaged as a cashier for five weeks.

One of the main terms of his contract, as stated in the job description which he was given, was that he was responsible for all cash shortages that might occur in his cash till, and would undertake to make good to his employers either all or his share of the total shortages on every shift that he worked, either immediately or by deduction from his outstanding wages.

Furthermore, before starting work with the employer, the employee signed a declaration that he was responsible for cash and stock shortages occurring on his shift and that he agreed to make good his share of the total shortages of every shift which he worked.

In accordance with those provisions the employers made deductions each week from his pay in respect of shortages. The sums varied but averaged 17 per cent of the employee's net pay.

The employee preferred six informations against the employers. Five of the informations alleged that each of the weekly deductions constituted an offence under sections 1 (2) and 4 of the Truck Act 1896, and the sixth alleged that the making of the contract with him for deductions from his wages was an offence under sections 1 (1) and 4 of the Act.

Section 1 (1) provided: "An employer shall not make any contract with any workman for any deduction from the sum contracted to be paid by the employer to the workman... for or in respect of any fine, unless..." certain conditions were satisfied.

Section 1 (2) provided: "An employer shall not make any such deduction... unless..." certain conditions were satisfied.

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By subsection (2), section 1 applied to a shop-assistant as it applied to a workman. Section 4 prescribed the penalty for an offence under section 1.

The justices concluded that the deductions in the present case were not "for or in respect of a fine" and they dismissed the informations.

In the present case there was no doubt, but that if the deductions were made "for or in respect of a fine" the employers had contravened section 1 (1) in making the contract, and had contravened subsection (2) on five occasions when they made deductions from the employee's wages. It was not in dispute that the employee was a shop-assistant.

It was submitted for the employee that "fine" in section 1 embraced not only a penalty or forfeiture, but also any monetary compensation; and that the deductions in the present case amounted to compensation for shortages suffered by the employer.

However, as was submitted for the employers, the principal difficulty about that approach was that it ignored the presence of section 2 of the Act, and its impact on the meaning of section 1 as construed in its context. If the employee's submission were correct section 2 became mere surplusage.

Section 2 provided: "(1) An employer shall not make any deduction from the sum contracted to be paid by the employer to the workman... for or in respect of bad or negligent work or injury to the materials or other property of the employer, unless... conditions were satisfied. That section did not apply to a shop-assistant.

In order to give meaning to both sections 1 and 2, the word "fine" in section 1 had to be given a meaning which prevented it from embracing the deduction of a sum exacted as pure compensation, since that was covered by section 2.

The only way to achieve that was to give "fine" in section 1 its ordinary meaning: of financial penalty.

The question in each case was whether the sum had been deducted as a financial penalty. If that was its character it mattered not that the deduction was compensatory in effect.

In the present case the justices had approached the matter correctly. They were entitled on the evidence before them to conclude that the deductions could not properly be described as deductions "for or in respect of a fine" and the appeal would accordingly be dismissed.

Solicitors: Miss Hilary Plews, Hounslow; Mr D. H. Roosc.

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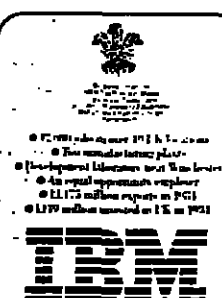
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- 6.00 **Cee-fax AM.**
6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Sally Magnusson. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; the new *Top Twenty* at 7.32; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.57. Plus Alison Mitchell's phone-in financial advice service. The guest is Michael Brandon.
- 9.20 **The Pink Panther Show.** Cartoons. 5.40 **Huckleberry Finn** and his friends. The raft carrying Huck and the runaway slave, Jim, is sunk by a paddlesetter during the night.
- 10.05 **Why Don't You...?** 7 Holiday ideas from a group of children in Glasgow's Pollok Country Park (r). 10.30 **Play School.** 10.50 **Gharbar.** This week's magazine programme for Asian viewers comprises of a compilation of the series' musical items. 11.15 **Cee-fax.**
- 1.00 **News After Noon** with Moira Stuart and Chris Lowe. Weather. 1.27 **Regional News** (London and SE only). Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles. 1.30 **Hockey Colley.** (r). 1.45 **Cee-fax.** 4.18 **Regional News** (not London).
- 4.20 **King Rella.** Narrated by Ray Brooks (r). 4.25 **Brice-a-Brice** (r). 4.35 **The Wombles.** Bernard Cribbins with another take on the Wimbledon Commoners (r). 4.40 **Battle of the Planets.** Animals and science fiction adventures (r). (Cee-fax).
- 5.00 **John Craven's Newsround.**
- 5.10 **Gentle Ben.** Outdoor adventure series about a young boy and his pet bear. (Cee-fax).
- 5.35 **Gun Shy.** Comedy Western series starring Barry Van Dyke as Russell Donovan, a gambler with two children he won in a poker game.
- 6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
- 6.35 **London Plus.**
- 7.00 **Wogan.** The guests include pop group The Thompson Twins and J.R.'s real-life mother, Mary Maury.
- 7.35 **Belamsey's Seaside Safari.** The enthusiastic presenter, reduced to a centimetre high, risks his all when he goes seabird watching.
- 8.00 **Fell Tiger.** Part four and Joe Barrow discovers that his wife is having an affair with their mutual boss, Don Starforth. He wants to leave but the Special Course members have arrived at the Whinn Rigg Centre to tackle tough endurance tests designed by Joe (Cee-fax).
- 8.50 **Points of View.** Naretta Newman takes a dip into the BBC's postbag.
- 9.00 **News** with Frances Covernale. Weather.
- 9.25 **Real Lives: Sister Wives.** The fourth documentary in the series of six examines polygamy, illegal in every state of the United States but practised by several thousand men who live in Salt Lake City. Several of them and their wives talk about 'plural' marriages, as they have chosen to call them (Cee-fax). (see Choice).
- 10.10 **Come Dancing.** from the Assembly Rooms, Derby. North-West and Home Counties South compete for a place in the final.
- 10.50 **Gitter.** This week's edition of the American glossy magazine includes articles on nude bathing in Malibu and the case of a doctor, previously convicted of murder, who is found to be innocent. He claims that a kind story published by the magazine was responsible for his conviction.
- 11.40 **Weather.**

TV-am

- 6.15 **Good Morning Britain.** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.18, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.22; sport at 6.30 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50; holiday resort report at 7.15 and 8.45; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop music at 7.54; Roland Rat at 8.03. The guests include Nigel Planer.
- 11.30 **About Britain.** This morning's rural portrait is of Ashdown Forest, East Sussex, during five September days (r).
- 12.00 **Storytime.** Bernard Cribbins with the tale of the Greedy Little Cocker. 12.10 **Our Backyard.** For the very young. 12.30 **Judi Goes on Holiday.** Judi Spleen is in Torbay for the annual trawler race.
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Recovered tail is seen as clue to crash

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The aircraft with potential capacity of 528 passengers plus 15 crew was specially built by Boeing for the short, frequent domestic JAL routes, and was not adapted.

There have been five fatal JAL Airline crashes including this incident in the past 13 years. In June 1972 a JAL DC-8 crashed at New Delhi and 86 people died. In November 1972 a DC-8 crashed on take-off at Tokyo and 62 died. In September 1977 a DC-8 crashed near Kuala Lumpur and 79 were killed. In February 1982

an aircraft fell into the bay at Haneda and 24 were killed.

The spokesman said no-one at JAL had thought deeply about the record of crashes. "It seems like fate," he said.

JAL is the national carrier owned 36 per cent by the Japanese Government and the rest by private individuals. The biggest private owner is Mr Kenji Osano, who was implicated in the Lockheed aircraft bribery scandals in the 1970s.

The day after the Flight 123 crash about 40 per cent of the passenger reservations on the Tokyo to Osaka route on JAL were cancelled.

Timetable of disaster

The Ministry of Transport in Tokyo yesterday gave this version of the timetable leading up to the crash of JAL Flight 123.

6.12pm: Plane departs four minutes late from Haneda Airport, Tokyo.

6.25: Pilot sends message of state of emergency, asks to make descent from 22,500ft to 19,500ft.

6.27: Pilot asks for radar guidance.

6.28: Pilot says he cannot control the aircraft. Plane is flying inland northwards contrary to instructions from control tower, which is trying to guide him westwards.

6.31: Airport controllers at Nagoya ask whether pilot wants to land at Nagoya, but he asks to return to Tokyo. Radio

contact lost for 10 minutes.

6.41: Pilot tells JAL operations centre at Haneda Airport a rear door is broken. Plane making unusually rapid descent.

6.46: Pilot tells Haneda he has lost control. Haneda asks whether pilot wants guidance. Pilot replies: "Please". Haneda notes voice is louder than usual.

6.49: Haneda hears sound on radio from JAL 123.

6.54: Pilot says he cannot control aircraft and does not know where he is; asks for information about position.

6.55: Airport controllers say he can land either at Haneda or at Yokota US military air base. No reply from JAL 123.

6.57: Plane disappears from all radar screens at about 9,500ft.

Harvest cliffhanger facing farmers

By Rupert Morris

Farmers will have a few more nerve-racking days before they know whether this year's harvest is a disaster, with the London Weather Centre forecasting no significant improvement until the weekend.

The bad weather could have some slight beneficial results for the taxpayer, as there seems bound to be a decrease in the amount of grain bought and stored by the EEC Intervention Board.

The United Kingdom "grain mountain" stands at 4.1 million tonnes today. Of last year's bumper harvest of 2.6 million tonnes, 4.4 million tonnes were surplus to requirements and were bought by the intervention board at between £113 and £127 a tonne under the terms of the

EEC's guarantee to farmers - a total of £310.4 million.

The National Farmers' Union said yesterday that there was no longer any doubt that yields would be down this year, although in June another record crop had been forecast.

The harvest is three weeks behind schedule in the South, and although some winter barley has been gathered, almost no wheat has been harvested, at a time when most of it should be safely in store.

A survey this spring by the Home-Grown Cereals Authority estimated the 1985 yield at between 24.8 million and 27.6 million tonnes, given "normal" weather.

Moment of rescue for two little miracles



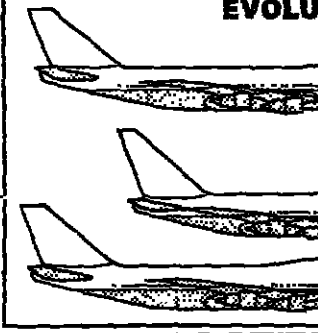
Keiko Kawakami, aged 12, being lifted to a helicopter as Mikiko Yoshizaki, aged 8, sucks her thumb on the ground, awaiting her turn

Briton who perished

Kimble Mathews (left), aged 28, the Briton killed in Monday's disaster, whose father, stepmother and sister flew to Japan yesterday to inspect the crash site.

His father, Mr Peter Mathews, of Enfield, said Kimble and his Japanese girlfriend, Miss Masako Nishitani, who also died, had left Britain on Sunday after telling the family of their intended engagement.

EVOLUTION OF THE JUMBO



	PASSENGERS	RANGE (nautical miles)
1970 747-100	450	5000
1971 747-200 STANDARD VERSION	450	6000
1973 747-300 SR (Short-range)	550	500-1000
TYPE IN JAPANESE CRASH		
1976 747-300 (Long-range)	330	6500
1983 747-300 (Stretched upper deck)	500	6500

Crash claim could be aviation's biggest

By Richard Thompson

Insurance experts in London yesterday predicted that the crashed Japan Airlines jet could produce the largest insurance claim in aviation history.

A spokesman for Lloyd's of London said that with two Boeing 747 crashes in two months the cost of insuring international airlines may have to rise.

The JAL airliner was insured for \$35 million (£25 million), considerably less than the \$100 million insurance cover on the much newer Air India jet which crashed off Ireland in June with the loss of 329 lives.

But with the loss of more than 500 people the final cost of compensating the relatives of the JAL passengers is likely to exceed that of the Air India crash.

Experts estimate the insurance claim for the Korean Airlines 747 shot down by Russian aircraft will be about \$300 million.

The JAL airliner was insured with Tokyo Fire and Marine, a Japanese insurer, but 57 per cent of the risk was reinsured on the London market with Lloyd's and members of the Institute of London Underwriters.

The risk is widely spread and is unlikely to affect any single insurer unduly.

There is no limit, under Japanese law, on the compensation payable for passengers travelling on internal flights.

A London insurance expert said yesterday that JAL was likely to be insured for up to about \$750 million an accident. But in Japan it was customary to settle compensation for air crash victims out of court on a case by case basis.

He said the airline was likely to deal with cases of hardship among the victims' relatives very quickly, but the compensation from the insurance policy could take about three years.

● TOKYO - The crash is a new setback to the aggressive expansion plans of Japan's flag carrier (Reuters reports).

A previous accident, in which a deranged pilot crashed a DC-8 in Tokyo Bay within sight of Haneda airport, raised serious concern over JAL's monitoring of the health of its crews.

The unfavourable publicity scared away passengers and contributed to the airline going into the red in the 1982-83 financial year, a JAL spokesman said.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions
Useful knowledge: putting science to use. Strathclyde University. Collins Gallery, Richmond St, Glasgow. Mon to Fri 10 to 5. Sat 12 to 4 (ends Aug 30).

Fast Forward: New directions in British ceramics. Kettle's Yard Gallery, Castle St, Cambridge. Tues to Sat 12.30 to 5.30. Tues 12.30 to 7. Sun 2 to 5.30 (ends Sept 15).

Exhibitions in progress

Holst's life in pictures and documents. Holst Birthplace Museum, 4 Clarence Rd, Piltown, Salisbury. Tues to Fri 12 to 5.30. Sat 11 to 5.30 (ends Aug 31).

Royal Academy Diploma paintings. Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum, Clarence St. Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Sept 7).

British and French watercolours and prints. Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, 96 New Walk, Leicester. Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30.

Music

Festival of British Youth Orchestras. Concert by the Helsinki Children's Strings (Finland). Central Hall, Toller Cross, Edinburgh. 7.30.

Piano recital by David Wilde. Parish Church, Ambleside.

Concert of chamber music by young artists from Lake District Summer Music. St John's Church, Keswick. 8.

Organ recital by Timothy Thorne. Norwich Cathedral. 8.

RSCM Concert. Canterbury Cathedral. 7.30.

Oxford Summer Festival. Consort of Musick. Dorchester Abbey, Oxon. 8.

New books - hardback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Well, Daniel! The Letters of Edward Burra, edited by William Chappell (Gordon Fraser £14.95).

The River and the Road, Journal of a Fresh-water Pearl-fisher, by Peter James Goodwin (Robert Hale £3.95).

Robert Louis Stevenson Treasury, by Alanna Knight (Shephard-Walwyn £16).

The Twelfth & After, being the life and death of George Hysteron-Proton, by J K Stanford (Sportsman's Press £6.95).

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on disruption to rail services because of industrial action by guards belonging to the National Union of Railwaymen, says: "The union is promising to ballot its members later this month. In the meantime it should call off all unofficial action while the board (British Rail) climbs down to initiate proper negotiations." It adds: "Otherwise an awful lot more passengers are going to be lost for all time. And an awful lot more jobs."

The Daily Express, also commenting on disruption to rail services in the run-up to a ballot later this month on all-out industrial action, says: "British Rail has warned that it will close down the whole network if the guards vote to strike. That is a price worth paying to establish that the Rail board runs the railway."

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Weather

A depression to the SW of Ireland will move towards Ireland bringing associated fronts across the British Isles.

London, SE, E, NE, England, East Angles: Rather cloudy rain in places especially during afternoon; wind S becoming fresh, max temp 19C (66F).

Central S, Central N England, Midlands: Rather cloudy rain at first, sunnier intervals and scattered showers in the afternoon; wind S fresh or strong, max temp 19C (66F).

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District: Rain at first, sunnier intervals and scattered showers in the afternoon; wind S fresh or strong, max temp 19C (66F).

Argyll, Northern Ireland: Rain at times sometimes heavy with S E fresh or strong becoming SW, max temp 17C (63F).

Borders Edinburgh, Dundee, Central Highlands, NW Scotland: Rather cloudy rain spreading from SW, brightening in the evening; wind SE fresh, max temps 17C (63F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers at first, rain spreading from SW later; wind SE fresh or strong, max temp 16C (61F).

Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, bright or sunny intervals in the afternoon; wind SE fresh or strong, max temp 15C (59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Remaining unsettled.

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